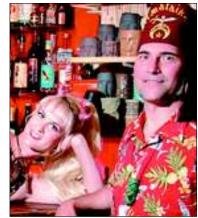


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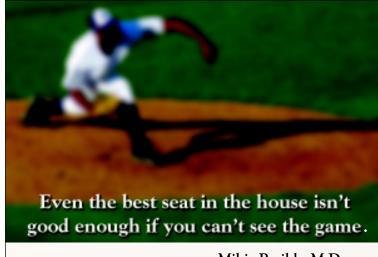
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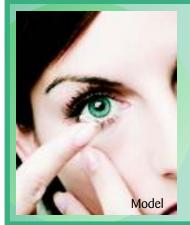
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did San Diego's most prominent political givers

to the "Voter Education and Registration Fund,"

a controversial political action committee run

by Perata that is now at the center of an FBI

probe of alleged Perata-related kickbacks and sweet-

heart hiring deals. And for good measure, Moores

gave \$25,000 to Perata's legal defense commit-

tee, set up to pay for an army of attorneys retained

to deal with the investigation.... For his part, Qual-

comm founder and billionaire Irwin Mark

Jacobs forked over \$50,000 to the "Campaign

for nonviolent offender rehabilitation," a com-

mittee run by the national Drug Policy Alliance

Network, which seeks to legalize marijuana and hand out free needles to drug abusers. In May

of this year, the measure backed by Jacobs qual-

ified for the November ballot with more than

700,000 signatures. Designated Proposition 5, the

proposal would reduce the penalty for posses-

sion of small amounts of pot from a misde-

meanor to an infraction, similar to a parking ticket, and would allow so-called nonviolent

offenders to go to treatment programs instead of prison. The Drug Policy Alliance is not with-

out controversy in some quarters. In an April edi-

torial, Rupert Murdoch's New York Post attacked

it as "a radical left-wing group that opposes the

war on drugs and is funded by even more left-

wing billionaire **George Soros**." San Diego D.A.

Bonnie Dumanis and ex-GOP governor Pete

Wilson, along with Mothers Against Drunk

Driving, also oppose the measure, according to

Schmooze and partake Another

top executive at utility behemoth Sempra Energy

has given big money to the campaign to ban

the opponents' website.



place their bets during this year's California primary? Padres owner **John Moores** gave \$15,000 to the ill-fated 'Yes on Prop 93" campaign to loosen up legislative term limits, a measure favored by his best buddy, Democratic state senator Don Perata. Moores also kicked in \$70,000 to the state Democratic Party, along with \$50,000

> for state senate in the 19th District) and GOP Assemblyman Martin Garrick. Besides AT&T, the Viejas Indian tribe continued its customary generosity to those in power, giving a raft of legislative staffers each and beverages at Petco Park

munications giant AT&T has been showing off

its political largesse in a big way of late. On April

7, it spent \$49 to take John Ferrera, chief of

staff for Democratic state Senator Denise

Ducheny, out to a Giants game. On June 22,

Ducheny's senior policy advisor Kim Craig got

a \$50 ticket to Petco Park. Golf was also on the

menu. On June 14, Democratic Assemblywoman

Lori Saldaña got two tickets worth \$200 to the

U.S. Open on Torrey Pines. Jamie Mori, execu-

tive assistant to GOP Senator Mark Wyland,

also got a ticket, as did her husband Valado, along

with Tony Strickland (a Republican candidate



\$201.86 worth of tickets, food, during a party there on April

17. Recipients included Wyland staffer Caroline Beason; Garrick assistants Marie Joyce, Tom Stinson, Matthew Dobler, and Michael Carrier; Valentino Separa, Kelly Smoke, and Matthew McGhee, all staffers for GOP Assemblywoman Shirley Horton: Todd Cranney, Barbara Aker. Elizabeth Saidkhanian, and Erick Dietz, staffers to Republican Assemblyman George Plescia; and Collin McGlashen, Cathie Dawson, and Christopher Marsh, staffers to GOP Assemblyman Joel Anderson. Democratic Assembly candidate Marty Block got only a small token of respect: lunch worth \$15.12 at the tribe's Grove Steakhouse.

Game over With the *Union-Tribune* up for sale, executives are rushing to clear the decks of as many unwanted encumbrances as possible. At least one is apparently now his-



Royce C. Lamberth

tory, after a federal judge late last month dismissed a libel suit filed against the U-T by a Washington, D.C. limousineservice operator over a story the paper ran linking him to prostitutes in the Randy"Duke" Cunningham bribery affair. In

gay marriage in California. On August 1, Darcel Hulse contributed \$5000 to the ProtectMarriage.com - Yes on 8 committee. He's president and chief executive officer of Sempra LNG, a Sempra subsidiary that is building terminals to Darcel Hulse handle imported liquefied natural gas from abroad. On

March 10, Poway's Margot Kyd, vice president of supply management at SDG&E and the Southern California Gas Company, also gave \$5000 in support of the measure; her husband, Tom Kyd, a media developer with Catholic Exchange, an Encinitas-based website, contributed \$15,000. Up north, a lot of the utility money has been leaning the other way. San Francisco-based Pacific Gas & Electric has given \$250,000 to defeat Prop 8.... Speaking of high-powered utilities, comyear, Shirlington Limousine and Transportation, Inc., and its owner, Chris Baker, claimed that U-Tfinancial writer **Dean Calbreath** falsely reported

that Shirlington limos "would pick up Congressman Duke Cunningham and a prostitute and take them to the ADCS hospitality suite." ADCS was the firm owned by Brent Wilkes, convicted with the ex-Congressman in the bribery case. But in his July 24 ruling, Judge Royce C. Lamberth agreed with U-T attorneys that federal court in Washington was not the proper venue to file suit against the San Diego-based publisher and tossed the complaint.

the case filed in May of last

— Matt Potter

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Face Facts

By Don Bauder

et's quit the caviling and cut to the ■chase: the U.S. is in a recession, and so is San Diego. On the last day of July, the U.S.

revised its numbers and said the economy contracted in the final quarter of last year; employment has dropped for seven straight months, and average hours worked are down sharply. Economists are still arguing whether this is a national recession, but the final arbiter is the National Bureau of Economic Research. and its éminence grise and president emeritus, Harvard's Martin Feldstein, says America has been in a recession since the end of 2007 and no end is in sight. It looks all but certain that the U.S. economy will meet the official recession definition of a significant decline in economic activity lasting more than a few months.

Ditto San Diego. Indeed, the local economy began sliding downhill shortly after the housing bubble popped in late 2005. Inflation-adjusted retail sales began declining in the second quarter of 2006, and the drop has been intensifying, says Kelly Cunningham of the San Diego Institute for Policy Research. "It's a clear

people maintained their spending by borrowing money against the rising value of their homes. When housing prices started going south, the game ended. The new game is foreclosures. "It was a fragile way to build an economy. Clearly things have slowed down more than I anticipated."

Alan Gin, economist at the University of San Diego, publishes monthly lead indicators of the local economy. They are designed to give an



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indication we are sliding into recession," says Cunningham, because consumer spending is two-thirds to three-fourths of the local economy. As the real estate bubble expanded,

advanced look at where the San Diego economy is headed. They have been doing a good job. "They have been down 26 of the last 27 months," says

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Sunshine and Moola, Too

By Don Bauder

an Diego's cost of living tops the nation's by 50 percent, but household incomes are only about 20 percent higher. Ergo,

squeezed San Diegans live on "psychic income," or pay a "sunshine tax." But according to a new study, some locals are not paying that tax: the

bean counters. Former San Diegan Graef Crystal, one of the nation's reigning experts on executive compensation, recently wrote on CFO pay



for his website, Graefcrystal.com. He studied 2007 pay for 578 CFOs in companies that the stock market values at \$3 billion or more. Bottom line: they are raking in good

bucks.

I asked him to figure out how the remuneration of head bean counters at five large San Diego companies compared with pay of their counterparts elsewhere. He considered two factors for comparison: the size of the company as measured by 2007 revenue, and the pay risk in the CFO's pay package — that is, what percentage of total pay represented stock options, which are more hazardous than, say, a nice fat

William Keitel, CFO of digital wireless telecom superstar Qualcomm, raked in \$6.5 million last year. According to the size of the company continued on page 8

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Booze Moves To the Alley

By Dorian Hargrove

n an alleyway in Ocean Beach, near the intersection of Newport and Bacon, Keith Morgan sits in a white plastic chair padded

with two pieces of cardboard. He's slept in that chair since May, when he returned to San Diego from Maryland to try to rekindle his relationship with his kids. The alleys are his home now, where he spends his time when he's not out trying to find odd jobs or sell the jewelry he makes from beads. He'd rather stay on the beach — he has a tent — but his homeless



Benjamin Nicholls

friends have warned him against that, especially if he wants a drink. "It's not worth it, man, it ain't even worth the trouble," he says. "No, this is my spot. I got some shade and a cool breeze. It's not worth going to the beach and getting an open-container ticket."

Since last January, when the City of San Diego banned drinking at the beach, complaints have risen in beach communities about an increased number of homeless people loitering in alleys in residential areas and hanging around in business districts. Some believe the ban has moved homeless people from the sand to farther inland.

Prior to the ban, from noon to eight at night, the beaches served as safe havens for the homeless, a place where they could go to drink and stay out of trouble. Since the ban, much has changed.

O.B. Boston James sought refuge at the beach for eight years, and you can tell by his tanned face and the dried-out, scabby skin on his arms. He went to the beach to hang out with friends and have some beers. But since the ban, he's found refuge in alleys. "I'm going to drink no matter what. I just have to be a lot more discreet now, that's all. It's like a child's game now, like hideand-seek," he says as he slips behind a Dumpster and takes



a swig from a large can of beer. There are laws against drinking in alleyways too, but according to James, the alleys provide a cover that the beach does not. "Now we're always ducking and dodging the police," he says. "I know they're only doing their job. I didn't tell them what profession they should go into, but if they want to spend three times as much gas and energy trying to catch me drinking, let them do it."

Midday in Pacific Beach, near the corner of Garnet and Cass, in the center of the business district, a group of homeless individuals drink from Slurpee cups and sip on bottles of Gatorade. "Robby," a long-haired, bearded man in his late 20s, is among the group. When asked what has changed since the alcohol ban went into effect, he responds, "We stay away from the beach, but besides that, not much. Everyone still drinks, but we just pour it into cups. The cops can't search every cup on the streets. It would be total harassment. What, are they going to stop everyone from drinking out of cups? Are they going to smell everyone's drink?"

Another Pacific Beach homeless man, "Gabriel," says he sees people drinking on the beach all the time, but instead of drinking right out of the can or bottle, they're drinking out of red plastic cups. He feels the ban targets the homeless. Otherwise, he says, the cops would be handing out tickets to the younger crowd carrying the red cups. Instead, they're chasing the homeless around

Benjamin Nicholls is the executive director of Pacific Beach's business improvement district, Discover Pacific Beach. Since the ban, Nicholls has heard more complaints from business owners about homeless people. "One of the issues with the ban is that before, homeless folks could sit on the beach and drink and not bother anyone, plus there are public restrooms they could use. What they've done now is they have

moved into the alleys. If you drive around PB's alleys, you'll see homeless people camped out. It's a little 'out of sight, out of mind' - people don't see the homeless folks on the beach, and they sort of congratulate themselves about the success of the ban."

Nicholls expected the ban to push homeless people into the business district. "We knew it was coming because it just makes sense," he says. "These

change. She says OB's business district has always had a large number of homeless people. According to Knox, her office was getting more calls about drunk and disorderly people at the beach before the ban took effect than it's getting now about homeless people loitering in alleys and around businesses. Residents have complained about more homeless congregating near Sunset Cliffs and about a few pockets of



Police in Mission Beach

people have a problem, and banning them from drinking at the beach doesn't solve those issues. They're going to find a place to drink. It's a little bit disappointing this city can't find a way to help these people. I don't think the number of homeless in Pacific Beach has increased, but there are definitely more around the business district since the ban started."

Farther south, in Ocean Beach, Denny Knox, director of the Ocean Beach Mainstreet Association, hasn't seen much

problem beaches, she says, but for the most part, the police have addressed those issues.

Officer David Surwilo, community liaison for the police department's western division, says his division has seen a spike in complaints about homeless people loitering in eople loitering in Read continued on page 10

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Gin. Like Cunningham, he earlier believed the economy was weak but that the county might narrowly avoid recession. But no more.

"For the first six months of 2008, average employment is down compared with the same period of 2007," says Gin. "Given those numbers, you have to say that we are in a recession. We probably started on a mild path toward recession in June of 2007, when the unemployment rate started spiking up. You need two quarters of information to verify a trend."

Cunningham points out that job growth has been below zero in three of the last four months.

The federal government's \$168 billion rebate program no doubt pumped up consumption for a while. Such gimmicks may stave off further contraction until the election, but in the long run they expand the federal deficit and take back the buoyancy they fleetingly provided. Inflation is already rising, despite housing deflation. Because of the credit crunch, it is going to be more difficult to get a loan.

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In assessing the health of the San Diego economy, it's generally best to watch employment trends. The data come out every month from the state's Employment Development Department. Figures on household income usually come with a lag of about a year. Those data will probably show contraction, says Cunningham. There is also an estimate of annual economic growth for each major U.S. metropolitan area, published by a division of the Department of Commerce, but it's two years behind.

So how long will San Diego's pain last? "If we can see a little bit of growth by this time next year, we will be doing well," says Cunningham.

Says Gin, "I see continued weakness through the end of this year and probably through the first half of 2009. There is no sign of a turnaround; the problems could continue beyond that."

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and the pay risk, "He should have made \$4.6 million," says Crystal. So his pay was 41 percent above the market. Qualcomm stock rose 17.8 percent during the period of measurement, while the general market was going up 16.4 percent.

Sempra Energy CFO Mark Snell was paid \$4 million, but he should have made \$3 million based on size and risk, says Crystal. On the other hand, the stock went up at more than twice the rate of the overall market.

David Hoffmeister, CFO of biotech Invitrogen, made \$2.2 million, a bit ahead of the \$2

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million he should have made by Crystal's reckoning. But Invitrogen stock beat the market by 60 percent. "That's a fantastic performance," says Crystal.

Christian Henry, CFO of biotech Illumina, made \$3.9 million last year, 82 percent over the market as Crystal calculates it. On the other hand, Illumina stock rose ten times more than the overall market.

CITY LIGHTS

There is one exception: Brett Sandercock, CFO of ResMed, which makes products for sleep-disordered breathing. Sandercock, based in the company's Australian office, brought home \$1.2 million, which is 46 percent below the market. ResMed stock declined 12.1 percent

during the period, while the overall market was going up about that much. "Lousy performance and not good pay," says Crystal. Companies respond that stock market performance is only one variable in setting an executive's

A CFO's pay tends to be too high if the chief executive is also overcompensated. The top boss's pay is like "a 4000horsepower vacuum cleaner

which sucks into its nozzle any pay package that gets close to the nozzle," says Crystal. "Unfortunately, a 4000-horsepower vacuum cleaner isn't enough to even mess up the hair of the worker on the line." Qualcomm's chief executive pulled in more than the market, but not much more.

Invitrogen's chief executive, Gregory Lucier, in pulling down \$29 million, made a whopping 583 percent above the market based on company size and pay risk, says Crystal. But the company's stock has to meet certain future targets. Lucier is not supposed to get another award until the end of next year. Crystal tends to pooh-pooh such declarations, stating that boards of directors often forget that they said they wouldn't dole out any more for a long period. "You grant it, I count it," says Crystal. ■

Booze alley

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the alleys and in business districts."We knew that there were going to be some negative side effects that we were going to have to work through," he says. "We knew many of these homeless people would be displaced, and they were likely to move off of the sand and into the alleys and behind the liquor stores. So we expected that, and we had a plan that addressed it. On May 10, we stood up our beach team, so now they are on the beach and in the alleys. It's a misconception that the beach team only covers the beach. They cover the entire beach community the alleys, the bars, the house parties, everywhere during the summer months — and so far it has been effective."

Some in the community feel that making it harder for the homeless to find good spots to get sauced up is beneficial. They say that allowing them to drink legally on the beach reinforced their bad habits and that homeless substance abusers cost the police, fire, and emergency rooms time and money.

Deni McLagan, a program manager for three regional recovery centers in San Diego, is one of those people. She thinks that anything that makes it harder for the homeless to abuse alcohol or drugs is a step in the right direction. "It used to be that they used to get free beers from beachgoers, and their sole income was from aluminum cans they collected off of the beach. Now they can no longer support themselves from canning, nor do they have the beach to drink at. So, needless to say, they're not happy about it. The ban puts pressure on them, and however it does that, whether it's making it harder to get free beer or collect an income, I'm all for that."

Of course, McLagan is aware that there will still be drinking in the homeless community. "You just have to be a little more creative, that's all," Jon Baker says, after gulping down a mini-bottle of vodka in an alley in Ocean Beach. When asked where he goes to drink, he responds, "Right here, brother! I'm definitely not going to the beach, that's for sure." ■

For more on the beach booze ban, see "Beach Booze Banter," page 40.

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I am the U.S. public relations representative for Rosarito Beach, and I would like to express our concerns about this week's "Greetings from Tijuana" cover story (August 7).

While much of it is accurate (if sensationalized), what is very troubling to us is the strong suggestion that law-abiding U.S. citizens are getting killed randomly in Baja, and government officials are covering it up. Much of that allegation is conveyed in the section of the story about the May discovery of four bodies here in Rosarito, all of whom had been shot.

Because an initial report stating all four were Americans was later clarified to three Mexicans and one American, your writer suggests a cover-up was involved. I am familiar with this case, which involved victims with extensive criminal records on both sides of the border. There was absolutely no cover-up, and we've had both the San Diego Union-Tribune and the Los Angeles Times down here reviewing details of the case. We would have welcomed your writer as well, but he seemed content to repeat dubious Internet information that fit his storyline rather than investigate the incident. I don't believe he even bothered to contact

The story implies that

visitors are frequent crime targets down here. The Baja State Secretary of Tourism has not received one report of a violent crime against a tourist this entire year. Could a few have gone unreported? It's possible. But both statewide and in Rosarito, we've taken steps to make it easier to report incidents. We want to know when they happen, and we want good follow-up — not cover-up.

Personally, I am more than a PR person for Rosarito. I am one of 14,000 expatriates living in the city. I surely would not take part in a cover-up that could endanger U.S. citizens, myself, friends, neighbors, and family members included.

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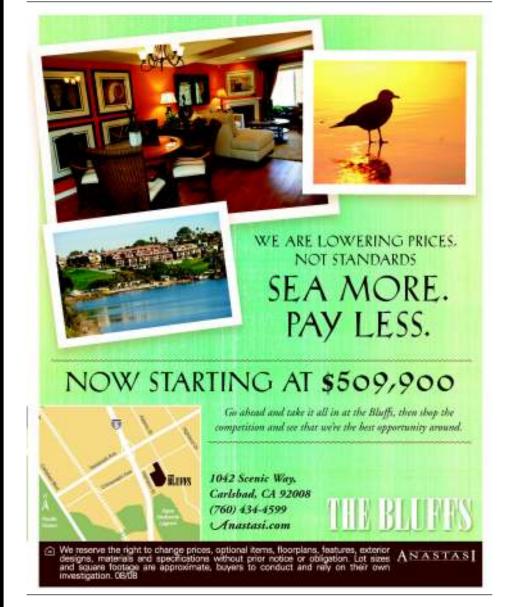
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Barbara Henriksen La Mesa

Too Cynical, Too Cute

The sharp contrast of the August 7 cover picture, featuring a beautiful señorita in a "Bienvenidos" art-style from the past ("Greetings from Tijuana"), with the photograph and story inside, was, at best, a slick seduction of your readers' hope for a bright and encouraging treatise on the allure and enchantment of our nearest foreign neighbor. At worst, it was cynical; a clear suggestion that, if you think there is anything beautiful, romantic, reaffirming, or even remotely culturally fascinat-







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ing about the people and history of Mexico, you just haven't been paying attention.

We have been paying attention. We are all aware of the turmoil, pathos, corruption, and criminal acts by people attempting to overcome the daily despair of grinding poverty, failed government, and lost hope. It is a story worth telling, and it was well told by Mr. Hemmingson. At the same time, the presentation, no matter how journalistically cute, will undoubtedly be found offensive by the people of Mexico and by those of us who find Tijuana, indeed all of Mexico, to be a place fascinatingly rich in language, history, culture, and art. The people of Mexico, and Tijuana in particular, struggle mightily with their current circumstances. We should admire their struggle and perseverance and present their stories in a straightforward and respectful manner. They deserve better than cynicism.

> Wayne Beachley via email

End The Whining

I moved to San Diego in the early '80s and cannot remember a time since then that the Chargers have *not* been whining about the inadequate facilities and/or finances San Diego provides ("San Diego Is Chargers' Problem," "City Lights," August 7). What will it take to get them gone? How can we make the whining stop? Just get them and their ___ing "More! More! More! More! More!

Relocation suggestions: Dubai. Saudi Arabia. The Sultanate of Brunei. Here are the deep pockets the Chargers need, where they can order up a new solidgold-plus air-conditioned megastadium for each home game, none smaller than the State of Rhode Island and all trimmed with duty-free luxury-goods shops, where they will be paid daily in baskets of diamonds with fur coats and Lamborghinis hidden underneath, where all day every day the skies will rain down free goods, goodies, and greenbacks thick enough to block traffic.

And while Chargers, Inc., is over in Deepockets Dubai, gilding yachts and designing baby sealskin—upholstered luxury boxes, we mortal San Diegans will get back to the humdrum business of using City funds to replace rusted-out sewer lines and combat greenhouse gas emissions and sort out the pension mess.

It's easy to forget that sports teams, like hookers, can get so greedy they just price themselves out of the market. After all, we're not talking pharmacies, car repairs, groceries here, but mere bits of incidental, easily overpriced and over-

rated weekend frippery no community can honestly say it "needs."

So I say "bye-bye, to the Chargers pie/ Drive your Chevy to the levee/ and head out for Dubai…"

Hey, San Diegans: Heads up! Listen! Hear it? That's the sweet sound of birds singing! We can finally hear "warble warble" and "tweet tweet tweet" now that those damned panhandlers forever whining "more! more! more! more! more! more! out of here!

Jill Van Cleve via email

Upstart Crows

There is much to be said about crows, and writer Joe Deegan described crows and their biologic cousins, ravens, in an informative fashion ("Crow Nuisance, Crow Delight," City Lights, July 31). Both Deegan and the bird-watcher he interviewed for the story, Terry Hunefeld, missed the poign-

ant truth about the invasion of Corvus americanus to San Diego's coastal region, the not-so-pleasant fact that will come home to roost, so to speak. By their very nature, crows and ravens are "Darwinian darlings" and will eventually displace songbirds along California's southerly coast. Crows' adaptive qualities — large size, intelligence, protective strategy, omnivorous diet, and aerial agility - assure their biological longevity, long after countless bird species vanish.

In addition to possessing good eyesight, loud voice, and adaptability, San Diego's invaders have learned to abide with humans and their trappings. In fact, it's humans' trashy ways that give crow populations the ability to increase exponentially. But their best source of protein, by far, is other creatures. Songbirds and small mammals by the millions are being destroyed

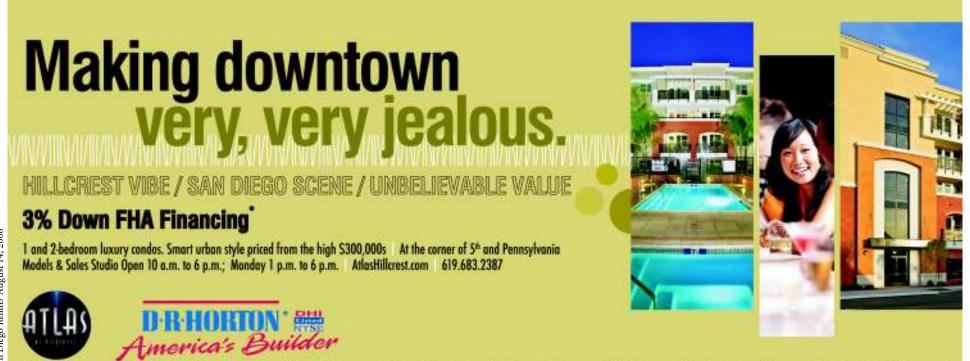
every year by crows, who rob nests of eggs, devour nestlings, and, when possible, prey on the young of bird and mammal species.

As a longtime environmental activist and avid conservation ecologist, I was extremely disappointed that Mr. Hunefeld shared the "spectator's distance" characteristic of bird-watchers and most scientists, who feel that humans should not interfere with nature's way. Staying out of the natural process is no longer an option: humans have jeopardized the planet's health, permanently disturbed species' ability to migrate, and destroyed most of the natural habitat of every creature on Earth.

I would remind both Deegan and Hunefeld about the Ninety Percent Tragedy: Populations of nearly every major species native to America (including their habitat for refuge, forage, and nesting) have been re-

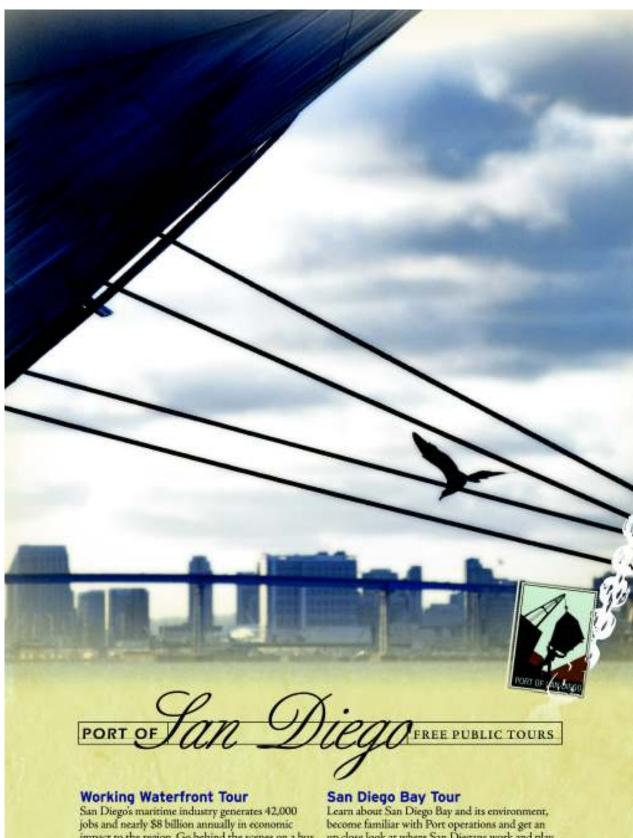












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duced by at least ninety percent. All but a tiny fraction of San Diego's native wetlands, forests, meadows, estuaries, and river habitats remain for nature's critters. Plant and animal species have been sacrificed primarily for human self-indulgence. Urban lifestyle that provides fast food and other edible waste draws clever crows to Southernmost California. The variety of songbirds that nest in our temperate coastal climate assures that the metallic screech will continue to fill

Hopefully, San Diegans will not wait until the song of spring is usurped by the raucous call of crows. I would ask bird-watchers, and especially the Audubon Society membership, to intercede on behalf of threatened songbirds. Before it's too late.

Robert LaRosa The Nature School San Diego

Why Welk?

Olivia Cassidy's "Roommate from Hell" (July 31) was one of the best yet. Glad she and her cats got out alive!

Ollie: I have written to PBS before, complaining about their pandering to the bequest hopes from centenarians ("Remote Control King," April 6, 2006). I am 72 years old. My favorite "oldies" are Rolling Stones, Doors, the Who, Korn, Boingo, Dead Kennedys, and Clash. Sometimes they drag out Clapton or Garcia, who I enjoy, too. But when are they going to bury Lawrence Welk? Eeew!

Dale Ann Thompson San Diego

Comments from Reader Website

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Posted by LNB on Aug. 7,

1:26 p.m.

If going to Tj, my advise is: Stay away from the "Zona Norte," there are plenty of other places to go in Tj without being targeted.

Also do your research well, and of course... don't go alone, don't dress like a tourist going on "bootie call". Plus exercise your common sense: if you look at a cop in tj, take a good look at their facial characteristcs, the way the walk, if possible what kind of accent they use (with their own spanish), etc. if you think about it can become easier to tell a real cop from a fake one, and an honest cop from a crooked one.

Finally, forget whatever stereotypes or ethnic type-casting that you dad or grandpa' used back in their days... things have changed a lot! And nothing is what it seem anymore(if you get my drift).

Posted by Linda22 on Aug. 7, 4:40 p.m.

I really don't understand the point of this article, is the SD reader writing sensationalist press now??

There is violence everywhere SD, LA, NY, not just in Mexico or Tijuana

I really don't get the purpose of this article... I even doubt about the research made for this article...

Tijuana-San Diego should work together to solve problems and articles like this just makes it more difficult

Posted by dekramer on Aug. 8, 5:29 p.m.

I haven't been in 22 years and at that time, myself riding with 2 friends were pulled over by a policeman who said we ran a red light. 'Follow me to the jail" or give me your money. We had about \$120 which we handed over. I live in North San Diego County. My oldest son is 17 1/2 and when i recently asked him what he wanted to do for his 18th birthday he laughed, and said, "I'm going to Mexico".

I knew there had been trouble there, but not to the extent this article showed me. Over my dead body will he cross that border, i don't care who thinks it's silly. It is not worth the risk and he will be reading this article tonight.

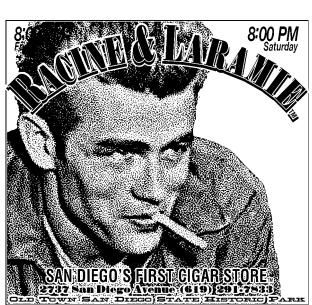
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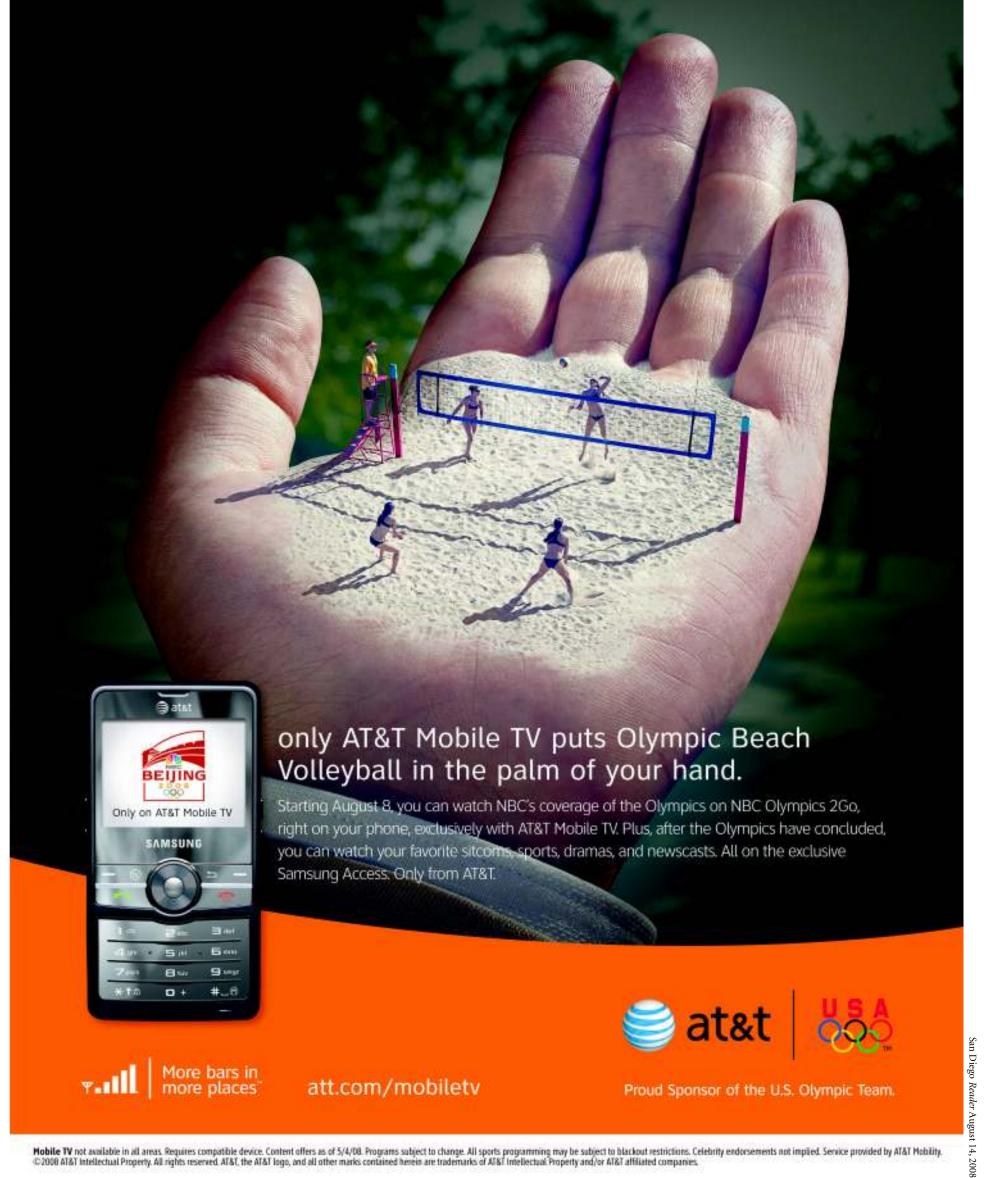
Yeah you could say what you want to say about Mexico/TJ...But I just laugh at some of the hypocrisy of the critics. I go across the border daily watching US senior citizens buying their meds for half the price than the USA. I see the underage kids sneaking across the border looking for cheap thrills,booze,drugs,and

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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

Bummer

ne of the more downhearted groups in the world must be the 2012 London Olympics organizers after watching Beijing's opening ceremony. China's big show had astounding scale, precision, balance, intimacy, and surprise. It was an expression of national purpose, with all the money and manpower an economically triumphant nation of 1.3 billion people can bring to a single task. Worker drones on the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (LOCOG) must have thought, There's no way we

Worse, from London's perspective, is the fact that the one billion people who saw China's opening ceremony will remember. The images of that night will stay in their minds like Ali standing over Sonny Liston, like Babe Ruth's farewell at Yankee Stadium, like American soccer defender Brandi Chastain, who

scored the fifth penaltykick to win the 1999 Women's World Cup, then tore off her jersey, slid to her knees, and gave us a perfect moment of exultation.

Those images are a part of the hive's collective unconscious, now joined by Beijing's opening-night

production. What the opening ceremony was before August 8 is succulently described on gawker.com: "The Olympics' Opening Ceremonies: Totalitarian Gay Pride Parades." But that was then...now we have a new art form: made for TV gigantesco coupled with the intimacy of streetcorner performance art.

London will say they don't regard China's opening ceremony as a new standard; their opening ceremony was right for them. And Britain has a different culture, and 2012 is a different time. Nobody will care. The world will watch London's opening night on TV and compare it to Beijing's, fair or no.

So, what are LOCOG organizers doing? Their "About us" Web page is an unfortunate beginning.

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Those are 89 false, cynical words about nothing. Verbal mush. Telemarketing to dummies.

"But by the time of the 2012 Opening Ceremony around 100,000 people will be working on the Games - including 3,000 staff, and

thousands of volunteers and contractors."

At first you think they've got the scale about right — 100,000 workers and "one of the largest construction and engineering projects in Europe."

Sounds like LOCOG is in the game or at least knows what the game is. Their Olympic park is located in an industrial slum in East London. Local organizers, like previous Olympic organizers, have taken the Olympic opportunity to tear down a slum, clean it up, and sell it off.

Which describes Lower Lea Valley in East London. Or in their words, "The area in and around the Olympic Park is contaminated, derelict and abandoned. The waterways in the area have suffered from years of neglect: water quality is poor, river walls are in a bad condition and the landscape is scarred with rubbish strewn along the river channels.... We also have to demolish more than

> 220 buildings...[and build] over 4000 new houses, schools, parks, schools, health facilities, shopping, new roads, bridges, footpaths and cvcleways".

A chicken in every pot.

The stadium was sold as part of the "Greenest Olympics

ever" and touted to be the next wave in sustainable development.

Opening ceremony at Beijing Olympics

This gets one's attention. Not because energy efficiency is anything other than important, but because the terms "green" and "sustainable development" have been captured by the world's biggest polluters and no longer have meaning to the general public.

"The London Olympic Stadium will be the centerpiece of the 2012 Summer Olympics."

Okay, good. The cost is expected to be 469 million pounds (891 million dollars), which seems to be the going rate, albeit the cheap going rate. The HOK Sport-designed beast will have a hemp façade, which is groovy.

The stadium will seat 80,000; 25,000 seats on the lower level, 55,000 temporary seats on the upper level. After the games, the upper level will be torn off, leaving behind an 891-million-dollar 25,000-seat stadium to be used for wholesome

The stadium will have no food stands inside, but "party concourses" outside. This is planned, no doubt, in the service of sustainable development. But many critics believe the stadium is merely ugly and wasteful. The Times architecture critic, Tom Dyckhoff, said the stadium is "tragically underwhelming" and the "architecture of the 2008 and 2012 Olympics will, in years to come, be seen by historians as a cunning indicator of the decline of the West and the rise of the East."



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Porta-potties?" asked Patrick, eyebrows raised in disbelief. "You're going to write about porta-potties? Just tell me you aren't going to open with a story about what Uncle Harold did to our downstairs bathroom at last year's reunion."

All I'll say is that it was a bad time for the plumbing to back up. And with 200 people, 75 of them small children, we couldn't afford to have bathrooms out of commission. I wasn't about to let it happen again.

Kristin Reynolds, regional manager for Royal Restrooms off of Waring Road (877-922-9980; royalrestrooms.com), was sympathetic. "We've done back-yard family reunions, barbecues, baptisms — you name it," she said. "Any large family venue where there are just not enough restrooms. Or maybe they're on septic. We've done a lot of septic rescues — people are in the middle of a wedding reception, and they think their septic can handle it, and then an hour into dinner, it backs up. We'll go right out — the last thing you want is for people to have to leave the big day because there aren't

facilities available."
Reynolds pointed out that her company offers restroom trailers — not porta-potties. "We definitely believe that portapotties have their place. But for a higher-end event, especially in July and August when the weather is hot, the last thing you want is an eyesore and an odor."

The list of differences between the two began with plumbing. "A porta-potty just has a hole, so you can see everybody's business, and there's no ventilation. All of our restroom trailers have flushing, porcelain toilets." Those designated for men include urinals. Then the list moved on to space. "Typically, with porta-potties, you walk in and everything is very cramped and you don't want to touch anything. That's not the case here. The single-stall trailer is 14 feet long. Within the trailer, you have a sink and a vanity — the countertop is about three feet by four feet. Then on either side of the counter, you have the toilet

and the urinal. The individual stalls are roughly five and a half feet by five and a half feet, and over six feet tall. There's plenty of room if you need to accompany a child or someone else who needs assistance."

Reynolds told me that
the single stall would "serve up to 80 people over a five- or six-hour time frame; the
double, up to 200; and the triple, up to 300.
As far as capacity, we look at one stall per every
100 people. But, if you're having an event
with a lot of food and alcohol, I would advise
one stall for every 80 people, just to keep the
lines down. It's very clean and very efficient.
Even though the units have air-conditioning
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onboard converter, so it just needs a regular household plug. When you look at your

"The last thing you want is for people to have to leave the big day because there aren't facilities available."

electrical bill, it's like plugging in a lamp. For water, the unit uses a straight hose connection; it has an electric heater for providing hot water. The sink water is also used to flush the urinals, so you're not using an abundance of water. And if you have no water or electrical nearby, we can fill the opporard water tank and bring in whis-

water or electrical nearby, we can fill the onboard water tank and bring in whisper generators. We do a lot of mid-field weddings."

The single-stall trailer runs \$785; the double stall, \$1185; and the two stalls plus ADA-approved handicapped stall, \$1685. And if you want a little more luxury in your two-stall powder room, you can order up the "platinum edition" for \$300 more. "It's fun — solid oak floors, oak trim, oak cabinetry. The feeling is warmer. And you can have music in the background. It has a matte platinum exterior. Typically, it's for weddings, but we've done a lot of record

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bring the trailer in that morning and pick it up the following morning. But if you're at a location that does not allow for overnight stays, or if you've rented it for only eight hours or something, we can deliver and pick up on the same day without an additional charge." Additional days can be had for a considerable discount. "The two stall is \$1185, but it would be only \$200 for each additional day."

I also gave a call to Betty at Diamond Environmental Services in San Marcos (760-744-7191); she offered something midway between a porta-potty and the royal treatment. "For weddings, we rent the 'Solar Executive Restroom.' They're flushable, and they have a light and a mirror and a hand-wash.

They come with toilet paper and paper towels, and they're self-contained; you don't have to hook them up to water or power. Each offers 125 flushes." Spacewise, "they're four by four-and-a-half feet and eight feet tall. An individual restroom would be \$270 for the weekend; we deliver on Friday and pick it up on Monday. For pick up and delivery on the same day, there's a \$250 charge. To get two individuals on a trailer is \$470, and you can get four on a trailer for \$870. We have an event calculator to determine how many you need. For 250 to 500 people, you would need six units."

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I hate television. I hate it as much as peanuts. But I can't stop eating peanuts.

— Orson Welles

wondered whether or not it mattered that I'd missed the first few episodes and decided not. It was still early enough in the season; by the end, hardly anyone would remember the first few disqualified competitors or their dismal efforts. This would be my first — I'd never gone to any of the *Lost* or *Sex and the City* parties to which I'd been invited, mostly because I can't stand it when people talk during plot-

Even commercials, like short films, have an appeal when you haven't seen any for a few years.

crucial dialogue. But *Project Runway* has no plot, and if my memory served from the episodes I'd caught in past seasons, all the good bits are played over and over, so I needn't be concerned about missing them. Anyway, this was more than a simple gathering of TV watchers. Enticements of alcohol and gambling promised to

make it an interactive social event worthy of Vegas, minus the Vegas people.

I consider TV to be an isolating medium, something one watches to wile away the hours. Isolating and divisive; those who don't watch television tend to think they are superior to those who do. It doesn't help that avid TV watchers (meaning those who can provide without hesitation the names of characters on at least two current shows) tend to be overly apologetic and are unable to mention a favorite show without clarifying that outside of this or that, they really don't watch much TV at all. I can't decide which is more annoying — those

who are ashamed of their hours on the couch or those who are proud. It makes me think of giant-car owners, as I often wonder which are more obnoxious — conscience-stricken SUV drivers who whine about how bad they feel but aren't willing to alter their lifestyles or those bumptious Billy-Bobs who plow down the narrow city streets in souped-up Hummers. As with most things in life, the least offensive tend to fall somewhere near the middle of the spectrum.

The story of my childhood is punctuated by the cartoons and sitcoms of the day: elementary school with *Thundercats* and the *Cosby Show*, high school with *South Park* and *That '70s Show*, college with *The Simpsons* and *Seinfeld*, and living in Hollywood with reruns of *Looney Tunes* and *Will & Grace*. A good portion of my life has been spent in front of the television. Mostly, my TV was informative or entertaining. At times, it was merely white noise that filled the lonely silence.

Once I met David, my relationship with television began to change. As he had no interest in *Animal Planet*, I willingly gave up watching my usual in exchange for nestling on the couch with my new beau to view movies on DVD. On occasion, we would veg out to reality marathons on the Food Network or Bravo, the only two channels on which we agreed. Like candy, *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy* and *Top*

Chef were scrumptious, but after imbibing too much at once, I was left feeling fatigued and a bit sick.

Because I could watch DVDs at my leisure, and because they were commercial-free and portion-controlled, I came to prefer the discs to scheduled programming. Soon, the television was rarely, if ever, turned on without the DVD player.

David and I have lived in our current home for almost three years, and we have yet to install any window coverings on the floor-to-ceiling glass panels in our living room. In order to see the tube without the white-blue reflection of sky obscuring the images, we must wait for sunset. This means that for the past three years, we haven't watched anything — DVD or otherwise — on the television during daylight hours.

When we entertain friends, we use our 70-inch screen not to flip on the big game but as a canvas on which to display David's video pieces (leaves swirling in the breeze, blurry taillights floating on a rainy night, fire licking at shiny glass, or fluffy tufts of snow falling from a black sky, all accompanied by a play list from his iPod). On those nights we find ourselves home alone, the great eye often remains switched off — we are just as likely to opt for a game of Scrabble as the latest selection from Netflix

Still, like a sugar-deprived child, I



George "King" Stahlman

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sometimes crave the sweet confection of cliffhangers, reality competitions, or comedy shows. Even commercials, like short films, have an appeal when you haven't seen any for a few years. One of the main reasons I hesitate to turn on the tube is that I know once it's on and I'm plucking visual bon bons from the video sampler box, turning it off will be like ripping the mainline out of my arm. So when the invitation arrived in my inbox, I thought, What better way to satisfy my sweet tooth than to attend a party at which just one sensibly portioned hour will be spent watching TV and at which the focus of the evening is as much a social interaction as the reality show at the center of

As this was the same crowd that had competed in the infamous Mac Down, David and I were

not surprised to encounter gourmet offerings upon our arrival. Being of a similar mind, David had thought to bring an offering of his own — a pecan-bourbon cake (heavy on the bourbon) — which he nestled onto the kitchen counter next to Michael's turkey burgers.

Ame, our hostess, is a veteran Project Runway party-thrower. Apparently, at the end of last season, guests transcended the role of viewers. Those who didn't compete as designers impersonated the show's other personalities -Heidi Klum, Tim Gunn, Michael Kors, and Nina Garcia. The challenge for the "designers" was to dress a Barbie doll. Ame showed me a few from last year, and I was amazed at how well they were executed. One Barbie's ensemble looked

to be fashioned from a delicate silk, but Ame explained it was actually Elmer's glue, dried on and then peeled off the designer's palm.

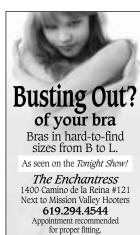
We drank wine and nibbled Michael's tasty burgers with spicy sweet onion chutney and lemon crème fraîche, Ame's frittata, and David's boozy bourbon cake. Thanks to Ame's DVR, guests migrated leisurely from one room to the other without worrying about missing the beginning — Lloyd wouldn't press play until everyone had shuffled into the room.

For the next hour, the TV was like a board game - rather than isolating or dividing, it brought everyone together. It's interesting how invested people are in the outcome of a show when

money is riding on the winner and loser. Before I met him, David had hosted Iron Chef parties, for which he devised a complicated drinking game. Now he could see that the major flaw had been to not include gambling.

After Heidi Klum told the worst designer to go home, Chris was declared the winner of the jackpot for correctly pre-







dicting both the show's winner and loser. Eventually, grumblings about Chris always winning and speculation about next week's show tapered off, and the crowd dissipated. Already I was thinking about the week to come — who will win or lose, which outfits will amaze or horrify, and most important, which wine will I bring? ■

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onna Pennell lives in the 3400 block of Keats Street in Point Loma, midway up the hill above Nimitz on a short segment of the street that has eight houses of eclectic style. She says longtime residents occupy most of the homes, but when the housing boom went to bust, new buyers turned two of the biggest places into vacation rentals.

"Last year we had screaming, yelling bachelor parties, graduation parties, spring-break parties, and mostly wedding parties," she says.

"Instead of going down and getting a wedding room at the Hilton, they were getting the house here, paying \$3000 to [the property owner], which he thought was a great pop, and then these people just screamed and had 400 people over here. It was just horrific. It should not be that I have to work my whole life to have a house to where I come home to have people pissing, puking, throwing their trash, screaming, and yelling."

Pennell says she complained to everyone she could think of — the mayor, her city councilman, the City's code enforcement department, the city attorney's office, and the police department — and each had a reason why nothing

There are

could be done.

Joining forces this March with a vocal antimini-dorm coalition in the College Area, Rolando, and San Carlos, the city council passed There are no regulations prohibiting vacation rentals in residential zones.

two laws to prevent the creation of new minidorms and phase out existing ones. The rooming house ordinance and the high-occupancy permit effectively prevent property owners from cramming rental houses with seven or more adults.

But while the Chalcedony Street residents were thanking the City for preventing the mini-dorm nuisance, other beach-area residents were furious that the new laws did not include language to prohibit vacation rentals.

Marcie Beckett lives across the street from a vacation rental at 4111 Bayard, which, depending on the listing, sleeps anywhere from 10 to 18. Beckett, a member of the Pacific Beach Community Planning Committee and Pacific Beach Town Council, believes the City deliberately excluded vacation rentals from the permit program.

"I can only speculate, but it has to do with money," she says. "People are making a lot of money on these vacation rentals. Tourists are coming and spending a lot of money. The City doesn't want to do anything to decrease the housing availability for tourists."

It's not the noise, trash, or parking nuisances that concern Beckett the

"The single-family neighborhoods are supposed to be the backbone of your community, where you've got the stable residents that are vested," she says. "They join the town council. They coach the Little League teams. They send their kids to the

neighborhood schools. Every time you take a single-family residence out of that pool and make it a tourist rental, you're tearing a hole in the fabric of the community. If you get enough of those holes, your community disintegrates."

Beckett points out that condo complexes,

do not allow rentals of under six months," she says. "So those condo associations have more control than those in the singlefamily zones."

In September 2007, Aguirre released a tenpage memo addressing the legality of short-term vacation rentals in singleunit zones. It came to two

If a house rents for \$2000 a week, the city earns \$210 a week.

which are located in multiple-unit residential zones, where vacation rentals might be allowed, have more power to control vacation rentals than do people living in singlefamily neighborhoods.

"Many of the homeowners' associations conclusions. First, the memo states there are no regulations to prohibit vacation rentals in singlefamily zones. Second, if the City amended the code to prevent vacation rentals, in the beach areas the new code would have to be approved by the California Coastal Commission.

The memo provides a list of other California jurisdictions, including Encinitas, Coronado, Imperial Beach, Solana Beach, Humboldt County, and San Luis Obispo County, and summaries of those jurisdictions' attempts to ban vacation rentals. The memo includes the coastal commission's rulings and compromises that allow vacation rentals to exist in those cities and counties, along with the regulations and permits the commission required.

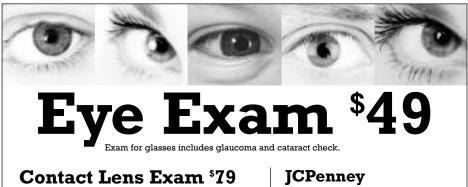
But vacation-rental opponents point to a 1991 state appeals court ruling that let a Carmel-by-the-Sea ordinance banning vacation rentals stand.

In Ewing v. City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, the

court ruled, "It stands to reason that the 'residential character' of a neighborhood is threatened when a significant number of homes...are occupied not by permanent residents but by a stream of tenants staying a weekend, a week, or even 29 days.... [S]uch rentals undoubtedly affect the essential character of a neighborhood and the stability of a community."

Pennell says that her home isn't in the coastal commission zone and that vacation rentals can also be found in inland neighborhoods such as Mission Hills, Clairemont, and North Park.

Deputy city attorney Marianne Green says the matter of vacation rentals in single-family zones is still under consideration by the city attorney's office.



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"hotel/motel tax."

"We argued that these are commercial enterprises, and the city attorney's office ignored it," Beckett says. "They just looked at the code and said they're not illegal. But we argued that they're commercial enterprises. They are! They're absolutely commercial enterprises."

zones? On its website, the

City refers to the tax as the

Pennell sees something more deliberate in the City's allowing vacation rentals to remain and multiply in single-family neighborhoods.

"In the city of San Diego, there are no ordinances, so code compliance cannot enforce it. Why aren't there any codes? Why aren't there any ordinances? It's because of the TOT, stupid! Follow the money!"

She points out the number of vacation rentals listed online at craigslist.org and sites such as Vacation Rental by Owner (vrbo.com) and says to do the math. The tax is 10.5 percent. If a house rents for \$2000 a week, the City earns \$210 a week for one house. Multiply that by the 15 vacation rentals in Pacific Beach's single-family neighborhoods and the City stands to earn \$12,600 a month, if not more, through the tax. Many houses rent for higher amounts, including the one at 4111 Bayard, which fetches up to \$6200 a week in July and August.

"It all comes back to the mayor," Pennell says. "He wants the TOT because the City's broke." Councilman
Faulconer's approach to
solving the problems
caused by vacation rentals
is to go after them for nuisance violations.

"One of the tools that has been used successfully recently is the CAPP program [Community Assisted Party Program] and the administrative fines program," Faulconer says. "That really gets to the heart of it if somebody is not doing what they're supposed to. There's now a new tool for the police to use."

The administrative fines program allows police officers to issue \$1000 citations to residents or landlords for loud noise and parties. CAPP enables police to designate a house as a problem, allowing officers who respond to a call to that house to take a zero-tolerance approach, citing or arresting violators.

There are 39 "capped"

houses in the 92109 zip code, but CAPP data does not include information on whether a house is a vacation rental.

"I believe one of the administrative fines that they've issued to someone for being too noisy was to a vacation rental home," Faulconer says. "From my standpoint, I want to make sure that we're protecting the quality of life for neighbors and for people who are visiting alike."

Residents say there are a number of problems with Faulconer's approach. First, it allows vacation rentals to exist in single-unit residential zones. Second, it deals only with noise and loud parties. Third, it puts the burden of enforcement on the neighbors. Last, responding to noise complaints is a low priority for police officers

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- 3. What tattoo, among others, did author Maggie Young's muay Thai trainer have on his left leg?

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the noise coming from the vacation rental at 4135 Cass Street.

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"It can take anywhere between two to seven hours" for police to respond to a noise complaint, Campbell says. "One time the police didn't drive by until a quarter to seven in the morning, when the problem was occurring at one or two in the morning. By the time the police come by, it's a totally different scenario because the response time is so long. One of my major issues,

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There are at least seven vacation rentals in a three-block radius of Campbell's house, where she lives with her husband and two young children. She says she was recently asked if her seven-year-old daughter's Brownie troop could have a sleepover in her backyard, but she had to say no because of the frequent late-night gatherings by the vacationers next door.

"My issues have always been the profanity, the noise, and the hours," she says. "There's also an uncomfortability. I don't know who these people are that are next door."

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mented complaints, Campbell, Beckett, and Pennell say, owners and property managers in their areas are now renting to more families, which generally aren't disruptive, but all three are still demanding that the City get to work preserving its singlefamily neighborhoods. Beckett points out that there are plenty of vacation rentals in properly zoned areas, such as Mission Beach and along Ocean Boulevard in Pacific Beach.

"We've argued that these are illegal in the RS zones, and they tell us there's no ordinance preventing them," Beckett says. "If that's the case, let's write an ordinance and fix the problem." ■

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Americans had seen him by fly the "figure eight," the "Coney Island dip," and the "Texas Tommy." In the latter, he swooped his

biplane down as if to land, touched the right wheel on the ground, then the left, then careened back and forth in a bow-legged, death-defying two-step.

Beachey's biggest stunt, his brother Hillery said, was the "dip of death." He climbed to 5000 feet, shut off his motor, and made a head-first, plummeting spiral, touching down exactly where he wanted. In Dallas, Hillery saw him do the same trick twice, landing the second time "within a foot of the first."

Beachey made more money in a day than most Americans did in a year. He was such a national celebrity that in 1912 Carl Sandberg wrote a poem to the "man-bird." It concludes: "Hold him, great soft wings/ Keep and deal kindly, O wings,/ With the cool, calm shadow at the wheel."

Another shadow haunted Beachey. He performed so many manic, life-threaten-

ing stunts, he came to be known as "the Pacemaker for Death." Most of the 17–20 million spectators, who paid up to a dollar a ticket, didn't come to witness his unthinkable acrobatics. "They all predicted that I would be killed while flying," Beachey said. "They paid to see me die."

In 1913, the *San Diego Union* ran an editorial urging an injunction to ground "the California Flying Fool" who often tested new tricks at North Island. "Should Beachey be prevented from killing himself? For his own sake, is it the duty of society to restrain him?"

Beachey was born in San Francisco on March 3, 1887. Six years later, the Wright brothers soared from the slope of Kill Devil Hill, south of Kitty Hawk, for 12 seconds. Beachey learned to fly when pilots took few chances. They "drove" their flying machines only in the early morning, when winds were down. (They blew cigarette smoke to gauge airflow or trickled pieces of paper to the ground.) They always flew their rickety wood, cloth, and piano-wire crafts low, often just a few feet above terra firma. Crashes—and broken bones—were many, but deaths few.

Beachey changed everything. In 1905 he became a "balloonatic," flying dirigibles and gas balloons in exhibitions. In 1910, as he watched planes dominate the first International Air Meet in Los Angeles, Beachey told his brother, "Boy, our racket is dead."

Beachey tried, but failed, to build a functioning biplane. In the fall of 1910, he applied for the Glenn Curtiss Flying School, at Hammondsport, Upstate New York. In his audition before Curtiss, Beachey crashed twice. Curtiss walked away. But an aide told Curtiss the 23-year-old had a feel for flight and to give him another chance. Within a year, Beachey became the top draw of the Curtiss Exhibition Team.

Driven not just to excel but to demolish the competition, Beachey craved spectacle. At a time when every third flight ended with wreckage, Beachey became as reckless as Curtiss was cautious. He claimed his aerial experiments were scientific; he wanted to demonstrate the capabilities and safety of flight. But the closest he ever came to studying aerodynamics was watching seagulls glide in his youth. And anytime a competitor tried something new, Beachey made a desperate dash to top him.

He invented the "dip of death" by accident. Early in 1911, his motor died thousands of feet above Los Angeles. "Every move for self-preservation flashed before me — I began to drop, drop, drop in a dizzy whirl through space." Tailspins tempted pilots to pull the nose up, which exaggerated the spiral and cost them their lives. No one before Beachey had dared the opposite. Instead, resisting the fall, he tilted "the nose of the plane down and began to glide." The stress almost splintered the wood and snapped the wires, but Beachey held on. Barely able to breathe, he descended at a 45-degree angle. Near the ground, he nudged the nose of the plane upward. "Hysterical applause" from astonished onlookers celebrated his return to the sky.

"My defense of the dip of death," he wrote



Lincoln Beachev

later, "is that I was forced to make it. When I kept it up I was furthering the interests of science" by "showing airmen it was possible to cheat death when your motor stalled." After Los Angeles, he "held little fear of an engine gone wrong."

To take greater stress, Beachey reinforced the wires of his Curtiss biplane, a Model D "pusher" with the motor behind the wings ("perfect for vision," writes Frank Marrero, "deadly for mistakes"). He began experimenting with steeper and steeper dives. "It was hard to control my senses and get used to the increased air pressure," said Beachey. "Gradually I mastered it." In practice runs he shaved the angle of descent from 45 to 10 degrees.

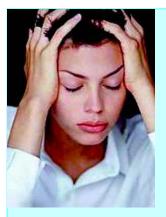
To cinch his conquest, Beachey made a "dead drop" from 5000 feet. He fell from the clouds "straight down like a stone," then pulled the plane upward and landed "as gently as a bird.... No living thing has ever gone through the air at the rate I went," an

QUOTATIONS

1. Don Dwiggins: "Until Beachey began doing the impossible with flying machines, birdmen had been satisfied to stagger about the sky, mechanically yanking levers to go up or sideways. It was Beachey who invented flying with powered aircraft as an art."

- 2. Lester J. Maitland: "On land he was as gawky and quarrelsome as a gander, but in the air he was an eagle."
- 3. Dwiggins: "He was in perpetual conflict with three negative forces: the sky, the crowds, and himself."

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estimated 156 miles per hour.

On June 27, 1911, approximately six months after he learned to fly, Beachey garnered national attention. A joint U.S.-Canadian International Carnival had been planned at Niagara Falls. Harry Houdini would walk a tightrope. Bobby Leach would go over the falls in a barrel. Beachey would dive over them and, if he dared, for an extra \$1000 in gold would fly under the steel-arched International Bridge just 400 yards from the cataracts.

It had drizzled all day. Beachey paced back and forth before his plane, parked at a baseball field on the American side. The rain prevented



Houdini from performing. Around 3:30 p.m., Leach's eight-foot steel drum got stuck at the base of Horseshoe Falls. Tons of water per second pinned it down. He broke both kneecaps and fractured his jaw.

Friends warned Beachey that swirling air currents would slam him into the spume like a tailless kite. The betting line was two-to-one he wouldn't make the attempt and, if he did, five-to-one he wouldn't leave the gorge alive.

Around 6:00 p.m., Beachey climbed into his plane. In the gesture that became his trademark, he spun his cap bill-backwards and shouted, "Contact!" An estimated 150,000 spectators waved umbrellas and roared.

As the biplane gained elevation, Beachey tested air currents. He flew to the brink of Horseshoe Falls but pulled up and circled twice. On his third try, there was no mistake: this was the move.

As his craft picked up speed and made a raspy, nagging clatter few spectators had heard before, Beachey flew south. He crossed American

Falls at 2000 feet and did a swan dive over the brink of Horseshoe Falls. For several seconds he disappeared in clouds of white mist. Then he shot out of the spray and, never more than 30 feet from the surging rapids, shot toward the international suspension bridge. To pass under its steel girders, he had to dip the plane's nose-wheel into the whitewater.

He did it!

But Beachey wasn't done. As he went under the arch, a wing caught the wash from a nearby power-drain. The plane teetered — from the weight? Or was Beachey shaking off the unwanted load?

As he neared the whirlpool rapids, Beachey jammed his left foot on the accelerator and pulled the wheel back hard. Water cascaded off the wings as the plane arched upward, just missing the rocky crest of the gorge by a few feet. He landed on the Canadian side. A mob of astonished onlookers almost crushed him and his craft.

The next day 300,000 spectators came to see Beachey and Harry Houdini perform.

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PI: Dr. James Longobardi Protocol Number NA 00012739 Two-thirds of the way across the falls, Houdini got marooned for 30 minutes on a slick tightrope. And Beachey, encountering more severe conditions, flew for half an hour before attempting the drop. "The wind was strong," he told reporters, "almost a gale." As he neared the falls, a dangerous suction yanked his machine down toward the river. He fought it and skied to 5000 feet. "Even at that height my machine rocked badly. It rolled and pitched, and I had my hands full managing it." He made no attempt to dive over the falls and even had difficulty landing in the buffeting winds.

Nonetheless, he out-Houdini'd Houdini. Beachey's inability to replicate his feats underscored their difficulty. He "was glad to have accomplished what others thought impossible," adding that he'd never try either again.

A month later, at the Chicago International Aviation Meet, Beachey broke the altitude record. He topped his fuel tank and said he'd fly straight up until he ran out. He climbed so high that, except for those with binoculars, the plane disappeared. People began to wonder how he could prove he'd broken the record. "Complete waste of fuel," one

Then the biplane hurtled out of the sky. Onlookers couldn't hear it: the engine was dead. And Beachey was

doing barnstorming stunts lateral slides and fillips with the wings, like a first-time flier or a pro deep in his cups.

Beachey did a clean deadstick landing and exited with a polished wooden box. It was a barograph that recorded changes in air pressure. Beachey had pushed his machine, the barograph testified, to 11,600 feet — a record — and also negotiated an insane two-mile fall on the return.

"His performance," writes Lieutenant Lester J. Maitland, "sounds a thousand times simpler than it was." Beachey became a national hero.

"Birdmen," the name given daredevil pilots, wore leather jackets, helmets with ear flaps, and turtlenecks with

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a silk scarf flapping in the breeze. To separate himself from the crowd, Beachey dressed like a banker: threepiece pinstripe suit, white shirt, and tie. He wore his tweed cap backwards, a look other pilots soon adopted. "While some argue that he purposely dressed formally to convey the normalcy of flight," writes Frank Marrero, "it also gave him a dapper look, which surely appealed to his audience, especially the women."

America's superstar aeronaut attracted legions of groupies. When he flew down Chicago's Michigan Avenue

and tapped his wheels on the roofs of cars, secretaries "screamed with girlish glee"at least until he made a beeline for their windows and pulled up at the last second. "He had a fiancée" at every stop, writes Don Dwiggins. And when May, his first wife, divorced him, the judge silenced her after she'd recited 32 cities where women claimed her husband's undying adoration.

Depending on what they thought of him, biographers say Beachey was either five feet tall, five foot eight, or six foot one (the same height as Curtiss). His arrogance knew

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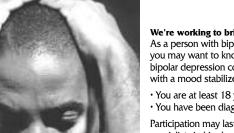
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9665 Chesapeake Dr., Ste. 200 San Diego, CA no limit, say some. He had a "sneering, go-to-hell attitude" and "repelled, rather than attracted people." San Diego's Waldo Dean Waterman, an early pilot who knew him personally, said that on the ground Beachey was "taciturn and moody, maybe, but once he took to the air, he earned the admiration of us all."

Beachey's greatest fears, claims a biographer, were that he'd either be forgotten or remembered only as a "crazy fool."

His antics played into the latter. At the second aviation meet of 1912, he stunned Chicagoans by dressing like a woman. He called this persona Madam Lavasseur, an inept French aviatrix, and flew

dizzy, perilous routes, including a near-dip into Lake Michigan.

When the governor of California offended him, for unknown reasons, Beachey did an aerial striptease. Each time he passed the bleachers, he tossed down an article of clothing — here a checkered cap, there a starched collar, fluttering down. He landed wearing only shorts and socks and taxied to his hangar. He hopped down and flexed his muscles at the crowd, telling his mechanic, "Now I'd like to hear what that damned stuffed shirt has to say about Lincoln Beachey!"

Beachey inspired many youngsters to take up flying, including a 12-year-old Charles Lindbergh. Beachey also inspired numerous imitators, several of whom lost their lives attempting his stunts.

Eugene Ely, one of Beachey's few close friends, set several flight records in San Diego. He died in 1911 doing the "dip of death."

"God punish you," Ely's wife wrote Beachey. "Gene would be with me now if he hadn't seen you fly!"

No, Beachey allegedly retorted, her "plodding and nagging" killed him.

In Los Angeles on January 23, 1912, Rutherford Page swore he'd "show Linc a trick or two he's never thought of." Minutes later, an "unexpected puff of wind" sent Page's Curtiss biplane plunging 75 feet

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and smashing into a hundred fragments. He died instantly. Asked for a comment, Beachey said Page was "foolishly brave."

In Ascot Park, Los Angeles newspapers said Beachey threw an "aerial tantrum." When he saw a group of spectators sitting in a tree "to beat the admission charge," Beachey banked his 80-horsepower Curtiss and stormed at them. He clipped the branches. "While making a precipitous escape," three broke their legs, and one fractured his skull.

Beachey swore his "fool-hardy" flights were scientific experiments and that he always tried to "make haste slowly." In almost the same breath he advocated a competition with his fellow aviators: climb to 4000 feet and the one who comes closest to the ground before pulling out — if he can pull out — wins.

Although some stunt pilots died because crowds had egged them on — J.J. Frisbie doing an "ocean roll" in Norton, Kansas, among them — newspapers blamed Beachey for the rash of deaths between 1911 and 1913. Horace "Sure Shot" Kearney,

who wore his cap backward in imitation of the master (and whose mother urged Beachey to teach her son no more tricks), died off Santa Monica.

On October 12, 1912, Beachey's protégé Charles Walsh, called by some "the greatest trick aviator in the world," attempted the "dip of death" near Trenton, New Jersey. At 2000 feet, a wire snapped and the upper part of his plane came loose. Canvas tore. Wings collapsed. The nose hit the ground first, then Walsh, then the engine, which buried him.

"I felt that I had murdered poor Charlie," Beachey wrote in an article. He could name nine friends who'd died trying to "do a Beachey.... One by one they have hurtled down, clutching the robes of God, to smash on the earth!" Newspapers attributed at least 22 deaths to his "air devilry."

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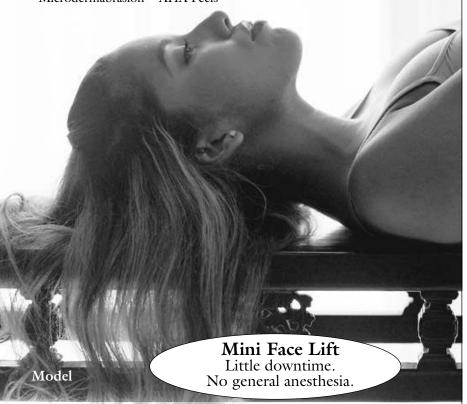
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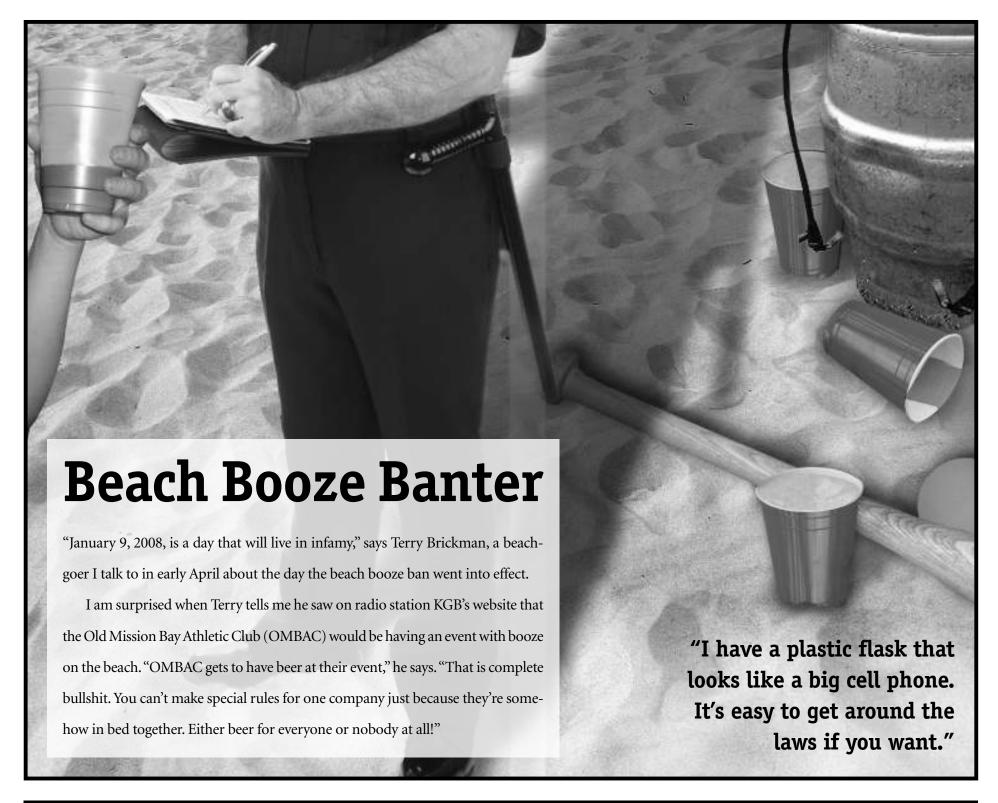
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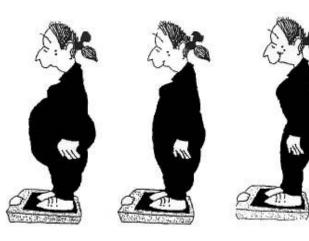


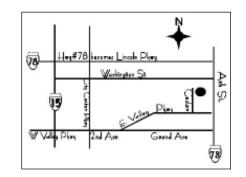
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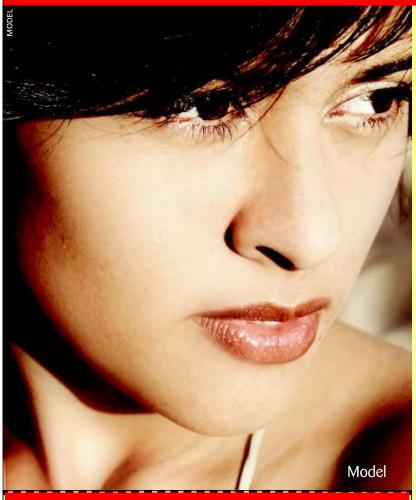
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I talk to Paul Willemssen, who has been in OMBAC for ten years and is an editor for a few of its publications. He is animated, excited about everything going on regarding the booze ban. He explains that when the people against it — a group called "Ban the Ban"—went out and got signatures, they were told they needed 30,000 signatures. "They got 45,000, but a sample of 1000 signatures indicated that only 60 percent were valid voters. Based on that, the petition didn't stand. It would've cost the 'Ban the Ban' people almost \$150,000 to pay for the City to count all the votes, and based on the statistics, they probably wouldn't all pan out.

"A lot of people were worried about how this would affect tourism dollars. As part of OMBAC, we were worried about the thunderboat races, the summer music fest, our coming-out party — and our biggest fundraiser of the year, over-the-line. We not only provided alcohol at over-the-line, but many people brought it in coolers. We would've just stopped hav-

ing it. But Councilman Kevin Faulconer came through for us."

I head out to the beaches to ask a few locals about the current ban.

A guy named Jack tells me, "I've just gotten a few devices to get around it. My wife has a thing called a 'wine rack,' which basically goes over her breasts and fills with wine, which she likes. I have a plastic flask that looks like a big cell phone. It's easy to

ings about the beach ban, and quite frankly, I still do. As a responsible adult, I greatly enjoy being able to have a barbecue, play horseshoes, or just watch the sunset, enjoying a cold beer while sitting on the beaches. A few bad apples ruined it for the rest of the responsible adults. The vast majority of people that flocked to the beach to hang out and drink responsibly contributed greatly to sales at surf shops, clothing, gro-

"Spring break? Plenty of families but virtually zero college students."

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A woman named Shirley is sunbathing with a friend and two kids. She tells me, "I'm glad the ban passed. I'm sick of drunk, obnoxious people on the beaches, cursing around my kids and acting stupid."

I talk to Eric Chris, coowner of Guava Beach Bar and Grill in Mission Beach. He says, "I had mixed feelcery, and liquor stores and to restaurants and bars. We had hoped that our sales would increase, but they have not. Anyone can just look at the beaches and see that there are significantly less people coming down to hang out on the beach. Spring break? Plenty of families but virtually zero college students. We sold more food and had more families, but as a bar and grill,

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we also rely on beer-and-liquor sales to make ends meet, and those sales were way down from previous years. If less people come to the beach, that equates to lower sales. As a smaller venue, we depend on our summer months, May through September, to make our money."

When Willemssen tells me that Councilman Faulconer gave them the loophole to continue their events, I say, "So, OMBAC is getting special treatment?" He says, "Well...not really. I think the laws have always been in place, that you can't consume alcoholic beverages at certain parks."

He hands me pages and pages of legal documents. I see, in three pages, that from Adams Community Park to Marie Widman Memorial — and the 150 parks in between — all the parks are listed as places where it is illegal to drink. The new ban just adds some beach areas to that. Willemssen continues, "The ABC [Alcoholic Beverage Control] wanted to keep our whole thing from happening. But Faulconer

really helped us. And anyone can do what we're doing. They can apply for a permit and then have alcohol."

So, if a few people want to have a beach party, all they have to do is apply for a permit?

"I believe so. But it's a few hundred dollars. I doubt you and a few friends would want to pay that. And you'd still have to have a six-foothigh fence; that's a beer garden. No food prep can be done in that area. It has to be on grass or cement. And you have to be able to view inside the area. If there's a wedding reception, birthday party, whatever...I think they'll issue a permit. There is a law that says only one permit will be issued per area, and if two groups request it, a lottery system will be done."

I glance through more of this paperwork. One page states that it is "unlawful for any person to possess any keg containing any alcoholic beverage that has been opened, or a seal broken, or the contents of which have been partially removed at any designated public area on the

Fourth of July."

Willemssen laughs and says, "At our coming-out party, we have 200 kegs."

I call Councilman Kevin Faulconer's office. His assistant tells me that Faulconer will talk, but he's really busy. The assistant says, "You know, Faulconer didn't really do a lot here. I think the OMBAC people didn't understand a lot about the ban, and they just wanted someone to talk to about it. I'm sure all this praise for Faulconer isn't warranted. He just pointed out things already in the books."

When I talk to Faulconer, he confirms this.

Pacific Beach Bar and Grill's general manager, Roger Lee, has been a PB resident for 20 years. I ask him about the ban.

"I understand and appreciate the ban," he says, "because I have seen firsthand how out of control these beach parties can be. I also know that the problems are made by a few and that, in general, the vast majority are law-abiding people having drinks, having fun, and not causing trouble. It is unfortunate that it only takes

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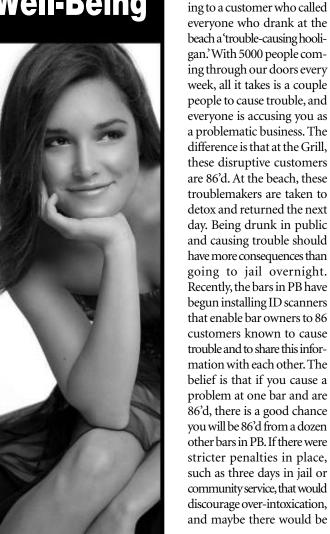
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less alcohol-induced incidents, and the ban at the beach would not be necessary. I am a big opponent of the government telling people what they can and cannot do. The City needed to do something, but they overreacted. There were many great ideas out there, such as making drink zones or no alcohol on certain holidays. As a business owner, I like the ban because, potentially, business should be better. But...weighing my personal rights over a bigger profit? I would rather have my freedom. The ban hasn't affected the number of fights, or loitering."

Stan Holman was elected president of OMBAC in November 2007. He tells me, "I first heard that the San Diego City Council was considering a beach booze ban in early November. The measure was passed mid-November. On November 26, two of us met with city councilmember Kevin Faulconer and his staff, plus some key City personnel. Our intent was to explore the full effect of the ordinance on our fundraisers at the beach. I

told them that the typical over-the-line attendee brings an ice chest with beer, a beach chair, an accessory bag, plus bats and balls if they're playing. Faulconer replied, 'That's all fine, except for the beer.' We saw OTL as...gone. More meetings took place, involving a good legal mind. All suggestions involved fencing any and all areas where alcohol could be consumed. A fourth meeting took place on January 14 that involved the San Diego director of Alcoholic Beverage Control, who stated that OMBAC would be under the microscope for violations. No ideas from either side worked. Our legal guy suggested that the City use the City's term, 'special event permit,' which was written into the law but not defined. The defined term allowed weddings, company picnics, and other gatherings to have alcohol legally while on city property. As an FYI, any organized gathering of people numbering 75 or more on city property requires a permit. If alcohol is sold, the event permit is required from the City, and a permit from

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The first event that OMBAC would have in which alcohol would be on the beach is the coming-out party on May 17. Holman says, "Our coming-out-party came about when Delmar Miller, one of the original club members, was taken prisoner during the Korean War. OMBAC members used to throw loose

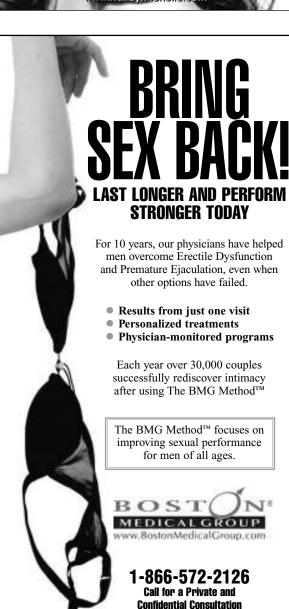
at the Pennant [bar] for him when he came home. When Delmar returned, he was handed the jar and asked what it was for 'coming out of prison.' Delmar said, 'Let's throw a coming-out party.' When I joined the club, there was a gate charge with free beer once inside. Needless to say, it got out of hand, and we went to pay-as-you-go several years ago."

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Pretty in PB

I'm wearing a denim skirt that shows off my legs, the one part of my body I actually like. I'm doing my best to walk gracefully in the black wedged heels I bought last summer. I've never been a fan of heels. They blister my feet, and tripping has always come naturally to me. But any man will tell you, "Chicks look hot in heels," so I rock them to the best of my ability.

It's a typical San Diego afternoon: warm, bright, and perfect. I stroll down the Garnet Avenue strip in PB. I observe the other girls. They look like clones. Bug-eyed sunglasses, short skirts, and halter tops. They're all accessorized in bulky jewelry, many with either a punkish, bright '80s look or a bohemian theme. They are all pretty.

I walk into my favorite clothing store, Mileage. Observ-

ing the girls around me, I start a conversation with a clerk.

"Have you ever noticed how we all look alike?" I ask.

"What do you mean?"

"I mean, PB is weird. All the girls in PB have their own unique style, but in a way, we all look exactly alike."

Her smile widens, and her eyes get bright with amusement.

"Oh, my gosh. I never noticed, but I know exactly what you mean."

Like many San Diegans, I am not a native. I arrived from Chattanooga, Tennessee, four years ago. I was a sheltered 18-year-old with a light Southern accent. I came off my flight wowed and wide-eyed by the subtropical hills, blooming flowers, bright skies, and friendly, pretty people. Chattanooga, with a population of just under

a half-million, is not completely rural. It's not made up of inbred

rednecks with missing teeth.

But the boys are more unkempt

and lower maintenance.

The girls are behind on

fashion. Dressing up, trendsetting, and matching are less important than young marriage and baby-making. Beauty was never a priority for my Southern family, who seemed

"Your head hurts because you didn't drink enough," he'd say.

to wrap all social interactions around food. When my relatives would get together, massive amounts of meat, macaroni and cheese, and desserts were cooked and devoured throughout the evening. I was an outsider in choosing to shove my finger down my throat.

In San Diego, the party girls stay thin by doing coke. Andrea (not her real name) was the wildest of them all. She was young, thin, tan, and could snort a gram in one breath. She had a magnetic, manipulative personality that drew me right in. She came off as intelligent and funny, but the more I got to know her, the more bizarre things I heard about her.

A random blonde saw her with me at a party one night. "Watch out for her," the blonde warned. "She's crazy." The ran-



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dom girl saw Andrea spit in a bartender's face for flirting with one of her boyfriends.

Before a night of partying, Andrea picked me up with a bottle of vodka in her lap. She drove nonchalantly while downing the vodka as if it was water. She had more than her share of pretty men, who she claimed were all in love with her. They paid for everything, supported her, and made sure she was supplied with enough coke to nourish her raging addiction.

She bragged about her boyfriends in between snorting lines. "I'm working on about seven or eight of them right now."

I never had the beauty and charisma to draw in that many, but I had my fair share. I'll never forget the line Dean used before our first kiss. We were walking by Mission Bay one night, gazing at the beautiful lights of San Diego. He looked into my eyes and said, "You want some of this?"

Dean (not his real name) was a 24-year-old musician who played guitar in a local funk-rock band. He had a singing voice that could put Stevie Wonder to shame. He was a little too short for my taste, but his pretty face made up for it. He looked like a mixture of Brad Pitt and Bradley Nowell, the deceased singer of the band Sublime. He had no car, no college degree, and slept in the living room of a Crown Point house he shared with friends. He was almost always drunk. He'd give me advice for curing my hangovers.

"Your head hurts because you didn't drink enough," he'd say.

Dean ignored his own problems.

"I know I'm going to be famous one day," he slurred.

"What makes you so sure?" I asked.

"Because I am so incredibly talented."

Dean was only incredibly talented, and not incredibly ambitious. He barely scraped by, financially. He insisted on partying until dawn, waiting to be discovered. His hopes and aspirations were the ones possessed by every musician. He dreamed of a life of fame that would probably never come. But for a few months I pathetically answered his 2:00 a.m. drunken phone calls.

After Dean, I was mysteriously drawn to pretty musicians. I can't explain what fascinates me about them. Maybe it's the way they look when

they're performing, untouchable to a girl from Chattanooga.

Fresh out of Tennessee, I came to San Diego as a size 16 with chopped blond hair and darker roots. I wore T-shirts with dressy skirts, a look that was considered cute back home

but tacky and mismatched in California. I knew nothing about wearing clothes to flatter my body. I'd walk on the beach feeling so intimidated. The girls looked gorgeous and fit in their bikinis. The boys were hot and shirtless, skate-

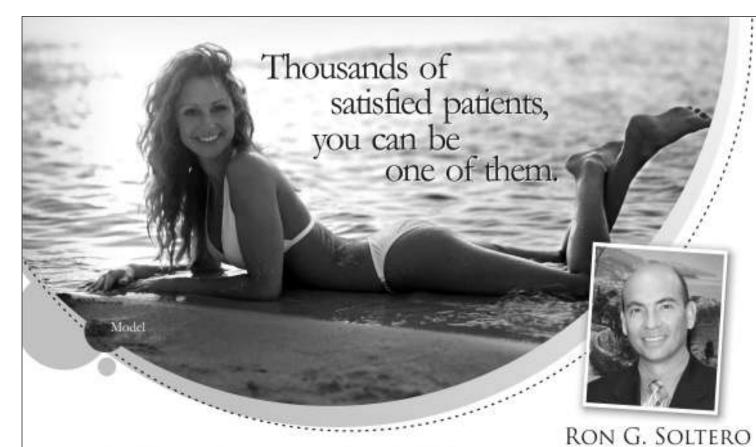
boarding or walking along the PB boardwalk. I knew that in order to fit in, I had to transform myself. I've always been motivated when it comes to getting the things I truly want. I deeply, desperately wanted to be pretty.

I started with the tanning bed. For a month I went every day. Instead of bronze, my skin looked crispy. I decided to lay off the tanning bed and concentrate on my body. I made jogging by the beach a daily routine. It was awkward at first. I

wasn't nearly as tiny as most of the girls on the boardwalk were, but I knew that if I wanted to change my look, I had to work for it. I forced myself to get over my uneasiness.

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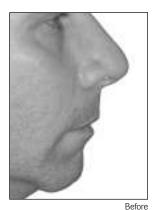
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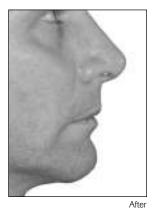
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than I wanted. My goal was a 6. But I had a pair of D-cups to even things out. My hair grew out. I got a clue and highlighted my roots. That's when I began shopping on the Garnet strip. I began to meet the people of PB and party with them. With the endless house parties and beach kegs, making friends in PB was easy. I began to attract the opposite sex.

I hung out with a whole group of boys who could drink for several days at a time. They lived on the east side of Grand Avenue in PB, in a strip of apartments nicknamed Frat Row. Those apartments made the typical college party look like

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It all began the night before, New Year's Eve, 2006. Alicia, a friend from Frat Row, invited me to a party in Oceanside. I headed north expecting to have fun and to make the holiday a night to remember. But after my sixth tequila shot, I didn't remember a thing. I woke up in a Marine barracks with a guy I vaguely recognized. At first I was confused, but it wasn't difficult to figure out what had happened.

"Is it 2007 yet?" I asked. I was still drunk, dehydrated,

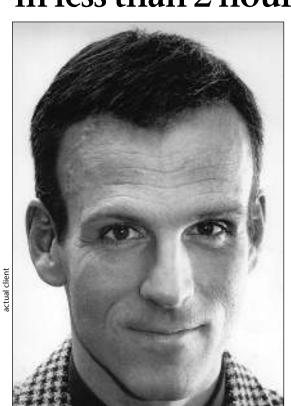
"Yeah, it's 2007," he replied. He wore nothing but boxers. He was in his early 20s with a beautiful pair of crystal blue eyes I was reluctant to look into. He had sandy blond hair with a short crew cut that shouted "Marine!" He was attractive but not really my type. At least, not while I'm sober.

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came back to me. I remembered the shots, being taken out to his truck, losing my shoes. But the rest was a blur.

I never heard from the guy after our hungover New Year's morning together. I wasn't surprised, hurt, or disappointed. I was just over it. Promiscuity had officially lost its appeal. Out of nowhere, that feeling of accomplishment faded. I was done with casual

Running wasn't slimming me down as quickly as I wanted. I started doing muay Thai at the Pacific Beach Boxing Club. My

trainer was 25-year-old Eddie Roa. Unlike most people I met in PB, Eddie wasn't obsessed with partying. He was obsessed with muay Thai. His class was by far the most intense workout of my life. At least an hour would be packed with constant punches, kicks, knees, and elbows. I had never been more exhausted.

The first time I saw Eddie, my first instinct was to giggle because he wore tiny muay Thai shorts rolled up his thighs. But once I felt the blunt force of his kick in the ring, his legs were nothing to laugh at. Eddie is ripped head to toe. His tattooed legs have bulging mus-

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"Come on! Quit being lazy!" he yells at the group of us working out as we struggle to move and breathe.

> This guy is insane, I think. "Leileilei," he yells.

It's this weird thing he learned to say in Thailand, I have no idea what it means, but it makes me feel rushed. It tells me, "Move! Move! Move!" no matter how much it hurts. Uppercut, right, jab, knee, kick, kick, kick!

Occasionally a hungover smoker will end up vomiting in a bucket in the corner of the boxing ring. I leave the class trembling. My hands are shaking so much I can barely hold my key steady enough to unlock my car door.

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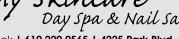
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This leaves Legs only two things to fear in life: getting pale and getting fat. She spends her days lying on the beach, baking in the sun in skimpy bikinis. She rarely eats and conveniently has a line or two of coke on hand to fight off hunger pangs.

She snorts another line off of my kitchen counter.

"Hey, let's go shopping. I want to spend the money my parents just sent me," she says excitedly.

I laugh at her.

Must be nice. I think.

So I make Eddie's muay Thai class a regular thing. It isn't long before Eddie gets me into sparring every Thursday. This is even more exhausting than his classes. I usually fight Melinda, a girl with more experience and long legs who has a habit of kicking me in the stomach.

No way could I do this hungover, I think, after a few rounds in the ring and a harsh beating to my legs and head.

When I'm fighting, I'm not allowed to pause and catch my breath. I'm forced to ignore physical exhaustion because I know the second I let my guard down, I will get a punch to the face, a kick in the head, a black eye, or a concussion. I want to get better at this. I want to be stronger. But I have to sacrifice one hobby for another.

"When you drink alcohol, you're putting toxins into your body. Even one drink can set you back weeks into your training," Eddie told me one day.

"It would really help you to stop drinking," he said.

I stopped drinking entirely for several months. But when I did start again, I thought, I'm poisoning myself with toxins. Even several days after a drunken night, I'd pay for it in the ring. With the slightest bit of alcohol, I was slower and had less endurance. I decided to reserve the booze for special occasions. My trips to bars and clubs became rare.

It's amazing how much changed when I cut down on

alcohol. With no more booze, there was no more coke, no more one-night stands, no more chaotic PB adventures. My party friends faded away because I was no fun anymore. I developed a new outlook on life. When my friends did drag me

on each other to the beat of the music. Not only did muay Thai trigger a change in my life, but

to a club, I couldn't enjoy the

atmosphere. Rolling my eyes,

I'd observe my peers getting

wasted and clumsily grinding

to Pacific Beach. I was working out with people who had real jobs. They were into school and taking care of their bodies. I met people in PB who actually had a drive to better themselves. They had hobbies that didn't

it introduced me to a new side

require snorting coke, getting wasted, and sleeping with random people. It was refreshing and encouraging. It made me realize that it was possible to enjoy life sober.

Trading vodka for boxing gloves caused my body to melt

from a size 12 to a size 8. Unfortunately, my D-cups melted to B-cups as well, but for the first time in my life, my self-esteem was high. I began experimenting with my look, dyeing my hair all shades of red, then brown, then black. I started buying

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more clothes that suited my new-and-improved body. My personality became more bold and confident along with my physical appearance.

The prettier I got, the more normal San Diegans began to look. In fact, the prettiest people on the planet began to look almost plain. I'd see a movie with Matthew McConaughey or George Clooney and wouldn't find them the least bit appealing. I'd critique a Victoria's Secret model in a magazine and think, She's okay. Her nose

needs some work. I realized that I had several male friends who were absolutely stunning. I would have dropped my pants for them in a second when I first arrived in San Diego, but for some reason I had no urges for anything beyond friendship.

I was bored with more than just casual sex. I looked at those wild, pretty girls I had partied with and realized how unaccomplished they were. The majority of them were trust-fund babies, living off their parents' money. They had

no work ethic, no character, and fake personalities. They masked their reality in drugs, parties, and sex. In fact, as perfect as they seemed, they were even more insecure than I had been.

I became bored with the band guys and aspiring musicians. Sure, they were goodlooking and talented, but what did it matter? They were reaching their late 20s and still waiting tables with dreams of fame and living an artistic lifestyle of poverty.

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that rush when I'm talking to a good-looking guy who says, "I'm in a band" or "I do some modeling." I don't care.

San Diegans forget how beautiful Grand Avenue in Pacific Beach is — the drive toward the ocean with palm trees lining the streets. They forget how incredible the view is from Mount Soledad at night when you can see lights all the way to Mexico.

Perhaps San Diego has overdosed on perfection. In all my struggles and all my work to blend in with the beautiful people, I have found that pretty is boring. ■

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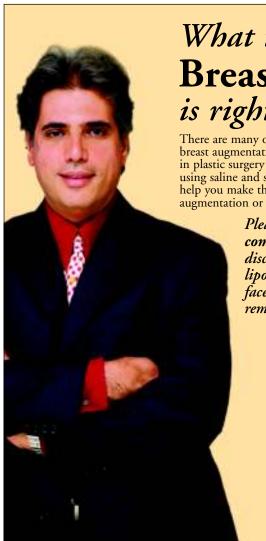
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women. I watch business men, husbands, fathers, and good respected men looking for the ladies of the night. Yes hypocrisy is funny my friends.....

Posted by MLK on Aug. 8, 9:35 p.m.

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Lest we forget the doctor driving down the 710 FWY shot to death just for driving down the road. Or the FWY shootings recently in San Diego. This piece is just another example of slanted reporting..

I hope people are smart enough to see it.

Posted by Temoc on Aug. 10, 2:12 a.m.

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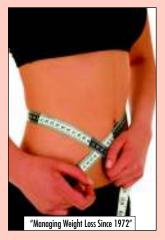
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Posted by R1DIEGO on Aug. 10, 1:59 p.m.

Tijuana is a city with close to 2 million people, so of course there will be some

robberies, murders, kidnappings, etc. I live in San Diego and we have those things as well. That being said, I would not set foot in Tijuana right now. I use to go almost every other week from the time I was 16 until about 26 (three years ago). Why would I go there? Because my friends and I would like the excitement of the fights, the drinking, and partying until the next morning. Tijuana is very very dangerous. We have seen stabbings, shootings, beatings, and this is in what is considered the "high class" clubs and bars.

Frankly I know that if I go to the Gaslamp, get drunk, get in a fight, the worse that can happen is maybe an overnight stay in the drunk tank or a black eye. But in Tijuana, the risk of being shot or stabbed or killed is 10 times more likely. Im not a hermit who sits at

home and reports on what I've seen on the evening news, I have seen it first hand. Staying away from Tijuana now is not being a coward, it is being smart. If I am going to put my life in that much danger, then I will do it for my country in Iraq or Afghanistan, but

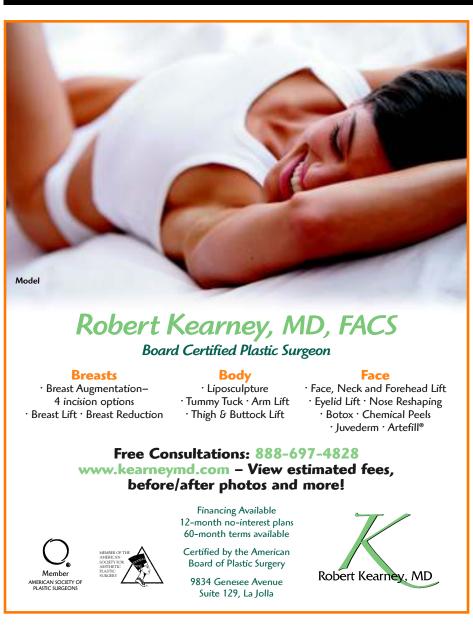
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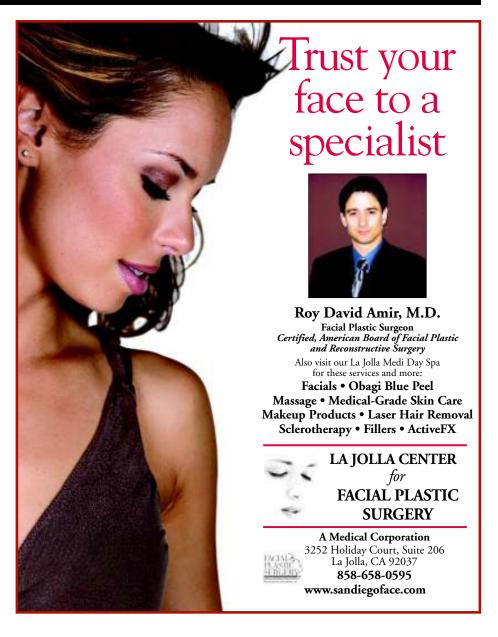
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Tin Fork **Published August 6**

Posted by salvador_velazco on Aug. 6, 4:50 p.m.

Mr. Bedford:

I have followed your reviews for years and really enjoy all of them, specially the ones that have to do with Tijuana.

In your article titled Yum Leftovers! you refer to a "Chaba Salvador", in Mexico persons named "Salvador " are called "Chava", the later being the familiar form, but they are never used at the same time, so probably Shorty is named Salvador and people calls him Chava or Shorty.

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Tiki Time

Voodoo Vacation on Zombie Island

tiki party is different than a luau," says Otto von Stroheim, publisher of *Tiki News* magazine. "Luaus have hula dancers and Hawaiian-style music and a roasted pig. At a tiki party there's bongo music, surfer music, and a bunch of jungle-juice tropical drinks — anything that's blue or red or yellow or pink — in the '50s style. Tiki is a culture in and of itself - not Polynesian, not island style or, say, Jimmy Buffett. It is anchored by tiki bars, which are fake representations of Polynesian islands here on the mainland."

This weekend von Stroheim will host

LOCAL **EVENTS**

the eighth annual Tiki Oasis, a fourday festival sponsored by San Diego's Save Our Heritage Organisation featur-

ing tiki-themed live music, art, and cocktails. Three years ago, von Stroheim moved his event to San Diego because the Crowne Plaza (formerly the Hanalei Hotel) is among the last of the tiki hotels and has significantly more rooms than the prior venue in Palm Springs. And "San Diego has Bali Hai [restaurant] and a long history of tiki, especially on Shelter Island," adds von Stroheim.

In Polynesian mythology, tiki is the name given to the first man created by the god Tane; the word has come to mean any sculpted likeness of a human. Ancient Mãoris of New Zealand carved stone pendants called "hei-tiki," to be worn around the neck. Hawaiians worshipped countless tiki gods, the main four of which are Ku (god of war), Lono (god of fertility and peace), Kane (god

of light and life), and Kanaloa (god of the sea).

For von Stroheim, tiki style in America begins with our nation's contact with the Hawaiian Islands. "I'm not really interested that much in what the culture was prior to Captain [James] Cook, who was the first white guy to study Hawaii," he says. "[Everything before that] is kind of irrelevant

to today's tiki bars."

In Hollywood in 1934, a man known as Don the Beachcomber opened what is now considered to be the first tiki bar. After World War II, when soldiers returned home with stories and souvenirs and Rodgers and Hammerstein produced South Pacific (which Hollywood made into a film in 1958), tropicaland Polynesian-themed lounges were all the rage. According to questiki.com, in the 1970s tiki culture suffered from overexposure and was soon seen as kitsch. The site explains, "Plastic hula dolls and mass production had caused a lameness to settle over the former savageness of the tiki gods." Tiki culture experienced a revival in the 1990s — the style, like rockabilly and swing, was now vintage for a new generation.

"I like to parallel tiki to more pop cultural trends that have a music or style that references a historical era," says von Stroheim. "I can look at a tiki [sculpture] and say, 'Oh, this is a '90s or a 2000s tiki, and that one's sort of '60s.' Pre-1960s tikis were based directly on historic tikis from Hawaii and Tahiti, so they're basically replicas, characterized by intentional and conservative carving



Otto von Stroheim and Baby Doe

that was done precisely. In the '60s, artists were copying the copies, and [carvings] looked a little more removed, with less detail - they stretched it out, made it disproportionate, added some features, and stylized

Current artists, says von Stroheim, are influenced by the styles of hot rods, old monster movies, and Rat Fink. This "third generation" of tiki carvers, he says, "reference the '60s stuff' and are influenced by cartoons and surf culture of the period. "Now you have something that's roughly the shape of something human — it might be extremely refined down to minimalist lines, or it might be whacked-out."

Von Stroheim says that he and his wife, Baby Doe, "live tiki" by frequenting tiki bars (his local joint is the Forbidden Island in Alameda) and purchasing just about every tiki-related piece of original art or mass-pro-

duced product they encounter.
"I'm like a method actor," says von Stroheim. "I always wear a tiki shirt [T-shirts or Hawaiian shirts bearing tiki images]. My kids have all the tiki-wear that comes out of Old Navy, etcetera. My wife and I have matching aloha-wear dress/shirt combos that we wear. I have a home bar stocked with rum and mixers, mugs, art, albums, and books." Von Stroheim's bar has been featured on the television shows That '60s Home and the Food Network's Unwrapped.

Von Stroheim prefers the tiki-loving crowd to devotees of other alternative styles. "It's not heavy metal, where everybody's tough and threatening; and it's not rockabilly, where everyone is trying to be more authentic than each other with the right kind of blue jeans that have the right kind of stitching; or with swing, where you have to dance the right way. For somebody like me, I feel out of place with all these other people who've worked so hard for so long nailing it. If you hang out in the bar area at Bali Hai, I guarantee that within a minute somebody will be talking to you."

— Barbarella

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Panel of dancers and teachers includes BBoy Iceman, BBoy Don, Zulu Gremlin, Lil' Cesar, Orko, E-Swift, Dangerous Dat, OG Jeckle, BurstRoc, TutMaster, Wave-o-Matic, Charlie Rock, Lockin' Adverb, and crews to include Funny Bones, Soul 2 Soul, Playboys (San Francisco), Calamity Crew, Rock So Fresh, many others; DJ Kutfather and DJ KidRiz provide tunes. 619-525-8258. Saturday, August 16, 3 p.m.; \$10-\$25. Balboa Park Club, 2150 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Celebrate "Dancing after School" Commemorate second anniversary with "Salsa Party -Cuban Style." Organization teaches "kids at risk" social dancing after school. Enjoy salsa and cha-cha dance lessons for beginners and intermediates (7:30 p.m.); open dancing with music by Emilio Alvarez y sus 3 Cubanos and deejay Jose "El Timbalero" (8:30 and 10 p.m.); salsa dance performances by many groups (9:30 p.m.); more. RSVP: 619-301-5620. Saturday, August 16, 7:30 p.m.; \$10-\$15. Miami Grille, 4545 La Jolla Village Drive. (LA JOLLA)

OUT & ABOUT

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Wednesday, August 20, 6 p.m.;
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My Brother Is an Only Child Daniele Luchetti's 2007 film screens — in Italian with English subtitles — for Film Forum. Film begins as simple tale of sibling rivalry, becomes portrait of the turbulent 1960s and '70s in Italy. 619-236-5821. Monday, August 18, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

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Double Hayley Fun! Screen on the Green outdoor film series continues with the 1961 classic romp *The Parent Trap*, starring Hayley Mills (as twins), Maureen O'Hara, Brian Keith. Screenings take place on east lawn, near Botanical Building and Casa del Prado. 619-232-7931. Thursday, August 14, 8 p.m.; San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Film and Wine Series Wine expert Barbara Baxter introduces wines relating to movies featured on-screen; selected films are from Athenaeum Music and Art Library's collection, each one is related to wine in some way. Series continues on August 14 with Anthony Quinn in Zorba the Greek (1964); enjoy a white and red Mediterranean wine. Series concludes on August 21 with A Good Year (2006), set on a vineyard in Provence with Russell Crowe and Marion Cotillard; expect a glass of French wine of that region. Reservations: 858-454-5872. Thursday, August 14, 7:30 p.m.; \$12-\$17. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Giddy Energy! Enjoy Pee-Wee's Big Adventure when Tim Burton's 1985 flick screens for "Parking Lot Pictures" series. Bring a lawn chair, blanket for comfort in museum's outdoor parking lot. 858-454-3541. Thursday, August 14, 8 p.m.; Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

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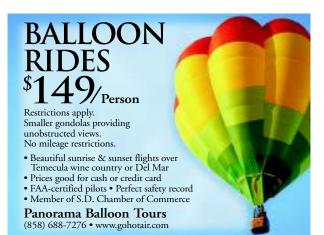
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FOR KIDS

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A GUIDE TO UNEXPECTED SAN DIEGO AND BEYOND I BY JERRY SCHAD

Rustic Canyon, now almost fully reverted to wilderness condition after nature's cone-two punches of fire and flood, was quite lively in the past. Pop-philosopher Will Rogers and his associates used it as a retreat back in the 1930s, and it even held the makings of a hideout for Nazi sympathizers later in the 20th

Your exploration by foot in Rustic Canyon begins and ends at Will Rogers State Historic Park, on Sunset Boulevard about three miles west of Interstate 405. After parking near the historic Rogers country home, take the eucalyptus-

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On the descent, you make your way through a mini-forest of chaparral, including green-bark ceanothus, mountain mahogany, chamise, manzanita, toyon, sumac, and buckwheat. After another 0.7 mile you reach a secluded glade in the bottom of Rustic Canyon, where you might spook a deer if no one else is around to have done it already.

Upstream, to the left, lies the Boy Scouts' Camp Josepho, named after Will Rogers's friend Anatol Josepho, inventor of the pay telephone. Our route turns south (down-canyon) past the site of one of Rogers's cabins and an assortment of other structures, burned or abandoned. Plenty of ornamental trees and shrubs mix with the native live oak and sycamores along the trickling stream.

On the left a way down stands the concrete shell of a power-generator building. This, along with a diesel-fuel bunker and sheet-metal buildings, was part of the pre-World War II "Murphy Ranch," which was protected by a high fence and patrolled by armed guards. Short-wave broadcasts beamed to Germany from the site finally convinced authorities of its true nature and led to the arrest of a German spy. The spy, it seems, had duped a wealthy couple and convinced them to finance construction of this stronghold, which was to serve as a haven for true believers in the Third Reich. After the war, this section of the canyon became an artists' colony until ravaged by fire and flood. Today it is owned by the City of Los Angeles.

Past an old flood-control dam (3.6 miles) the canyon narrows and the trail becomes merely a muddy track through a tight constriction in the canyon. Walls of conglomerate rock soar eerily on both sides. Watch out for poison oak and slippery rocks. At 4.1 miles, the canyon abruptly widens. On the right, a wide trail curves

uphill toward the polo field across from the Will Rogers home, your starting point.

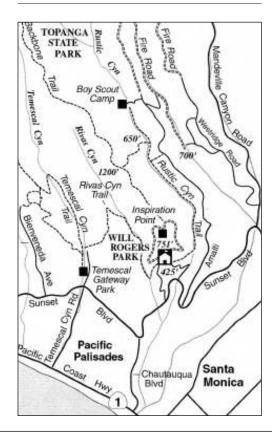
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marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The Reader and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.

RUSTIC CANYON

West L.A.'s Rustic Canyon offers a bit of quirky history as well as physical exercise

Distance from downtown San Diego: 138 miles Hiking Length: 4.6 miles **Difficulty:** Moderately strenuous



City at the End of Time Science fiction author Greg Bear signs, discusses his new book. 858-268-4747. Wednesday, August 20, 7 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books,

Gray Matters: Brain Injury, the Inside Perspective Heidi Lerner discusses, reads from her collection of poetic insights. Book "offers an introspective and sometimes humorous view of what it's like to suffer a near-fatal blow to the head and live with its complications.' 619-236-5821. Monday, August 18,

> Moscow Rules Author Daniel Silva discusses, signs his latest novel, set in contemporary Moscow. 858-454-0347. Thursday, August 14, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Li-

brary, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard,

Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

A Metaphysical Musical! Onebody, starring Conversations with God author Neale Donald Walsch. is "a multimedia spiritual opera that integrates dance and rock. iazz, classical, and folk music. 800-867-7130, Friday, August 15, 8 p.m.; \$40-\$80. Ages 12 and up. Unity Center, 8999 Activity Road. (MIRA MESA)

Evil on a Global Scale! Author Ben F. Small reads from his new book The Olive Horseshoe, described as "a gritty story about a billionaire searching for meaning in his life.' 619-236-5821. Wednesday, August 20, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Hinges Improv Comedy Show Enjoy long-form skits when group gets "pretty darn silly, crazy, and naughty." Completely different every time. Not "for kids or prudes." 619-414-7723. Sunday, August 17, 7 p.m.; \$8-\$10. Ages 17 and up. Compass Theater, 3704 Sixth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Squeaky-Clean Comedy! "Nationally renowned comedians" perform family-friendly shows. 858-433-1457. Saturdays, 7 p.m.; \$5. Naveed's Comedy Club at Bella Roma Pizza and Restaurant, 6830 La Jolla Boulevard #103. (LA JOLLA)

The 3rd City Comedy Show Laugh with "special lineup of comedians" from San Diego, Los Angeles, and Orange County. Two-drink minimum. Reservations: 858-454-9176. Wednesday, August 20, 8 p.m.; ages 21 and up. The Comedy Store, 916 Pearl Street. (LA JOLLA)

defying and bizarre stunts for your viewing pleasure." 619-543-0019. Tuesday, August 19, 10 p.m. and 11:59 p.m.; \$10. Ages 21 and up. Rich's Hillcrest, 1051 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Point Loma Actors present Shakespeare's play at Liberty Station. Performances take place on grassy promenade in front of fountain near Panera, Sammy's Woodfired Pizza, Tender Greens. Play is set in 1960s, includes audience participation. Bring blankets, chairs. 619-335-0221. Saturday, August 16, 8 p.m.; NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)



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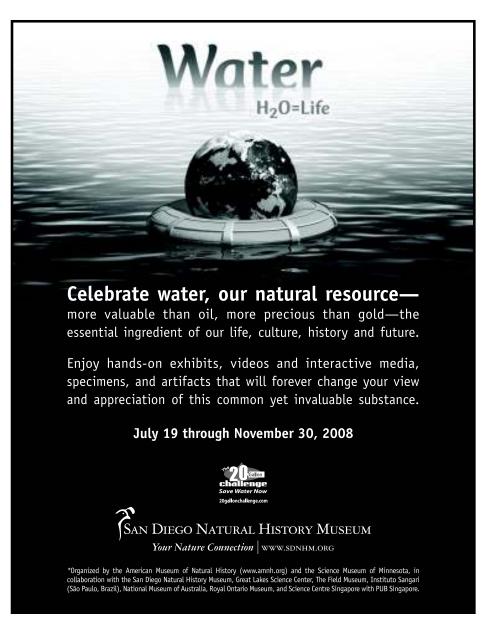
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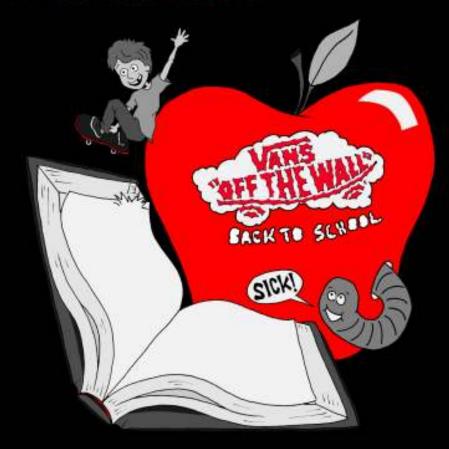
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Calendar Local Events

Urban Fantasy Author Kat Richardson signs, discusses *Underground*, with a main character "who works for both the living and the dead." 858-268-4747. Saturday, August 16, 2 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

LECTURES

"An Introduction to Pine Needle Basketry" Carol Lang leads class; students use local natural materials, transforming yard waste into functional vessels. Bring sharp scissors. Materials fee of \$10 paid directly to Lang. Bring sharp scissors. Registration: 760-721-2787. Sunday, August 17, noon; \$55-\$80.

Oceanside Museum of Art School of Art, 219 North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

"Anza-Borrego: A Photographic Journey" Ernie Cowan plans Power Point presentation for Sierra Club. 619-299-1741. Friday, August 15, 7:30 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

"Bye Bye Grass Express" Condensed version of "Bye Bye Grass I and II," offering various methods of removing a water-thirsty lawn, tips for evaluating soil and irrigation systems, creative ideas for replacing lawns with low-water plantings. 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, August 16, 1 p.m.; \$30. Ages 12 and up. Heritage of the Americas Museum, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

"Creating Your Image: The Art of Cinematography" Two-time Academy Award winning cinematographer Haskell Wexler addresses SoCal Moviemakers for series on the art of moviemaking. Wexler's credits include American Graffiti, In the Heat of the Night, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Days of Heaven, Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? 619-309-7492. Thursday, August 14, 6:30 p.m.; Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

"Food Preservation through Fermentation" Bottle your own ginger ale, make some kim chi or sauerkraut in this hands-on fermentation workshop. Learn about equipment, yeasts, probiotics, explore all stages of fermenting healthy foods and beverages. Participants take home bottle of ginger ale, jar of kim chi. Bring a peanut butter-sized jar and lid. Part of Edible City Celebration 2008 hosted by Food Not Lawns. 619-508-0374. Saturday, August 16, 1 p.m.; City Farmers Nursery, 4832 Home Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

"Humanitas: Images of India" Fredric Roberts discusses his career as a photographer and images featured in current exhibition "Humanitas." Roberts photographs ordinary life in India, from daily events to ceremonies, revealing intimacy and community of place. 619-238-7559. Thursday, August 14, 7 p.m.; Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Hidden History of the Tijuana Estuary and Surrounding Area" Richard Cerutti, paleontological specialist at San Diego Natural History Museum, presents look at the history of this area for Tijuana Estuary Speaker Series. 619-575-3613. Saturday, August 16, 10 a.m.; Tijuana Estuary Visitors' Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Adventure Racing 101 Clinic focuses on racing solo and finding teammates, training, gear, clothing, and what to expect with teamwork, navigation, more. Registration: 760-966-1700. Thursday, August 14, 7 p.m.; Adventure 16

Oceanside, 2002 South Coast Highway 101. (OCEANSIDE)

Civic Center Complex Proposal, Public Meeting Attend one of the many community meetings planned throughout San Diego to learn more about proposed renovation of downtown's Civic Center Complex, including City Hall. Expect developer presentations, review of city cost savings and alternatives, question-and-answer session with developers, consultants, CCDC staff. 619-235-2200. Thursday, August 14, 6:30 p.m.; Monday, August 18, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, August 19, 6:30 p.m.; Allied Gardens-Benjamin Library, 5188 Zion Avenue. (ALLIED GARDENS)

Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego Keith McCarty Jr. demonstrates use, features of the *Geni.com* website, considered "a new way to share your family history." Meeting begins with interest groups for FTM and RootsMagic. 619-426-8295. Saturday, August

16, 9 a.m.; Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD, off Pangea Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Contain Yourself Bring a "treasured pot up to 12" in diameter" for class led by Mia. Learn container design, planting strategies, organic techniques. Reservations: 858-792-8640. Saturday, August 16, 10 a.m.; \$40. Cedros Gardens, 330 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

Explore the Possibilities Attend one of the many community meetings planned throughout San Diego to learn more about proposed renovation of downtown's Civic Center Complex, including City Hall. Expect developer presentations, review of city cost savings and alternatives, question-and-answer session with developers, consultants, CCDC staff. 619-235-2200. Saturday, August 16, 10 a.m.; Wednesday, August 20, 6:30 p.m.; Scripps Miramar Ranch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive. (SCRIPPS RANCH)









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Make Mine Rajma! Take part in Indian food cooking class; learn to make "real, authentic provincial Indian food." Part of Edible City Celebration 2008 hosted by Food Not Lawns. 619-508-0374. Thurs-

day, August 14, 6:30 p.m.; City Farmers Nursery, 4832 Home Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Shakespeare in the Garden Talks Actors, directors, academics, offer "in-depth perceptions of the Shakespeare Plays in the Old Globe Shakespeare Festival season" for public in Old Globe Plaza. Focus on *All's Well That Ends Well.* 619-23-GLOBE. Thursday, August 14, 7:15 p.m.; Old Globe Theatre, 1363 Old Globe Way. (BALBOA PARK)

OUTDOORS

"Plants in the Meadow"
Meadows have a unique ecosystem. Naturalist James Dillane seeks
out unusual plants growing in Jack

Creek Meadow Loop during this hike. 760-839-4680. Thursday, August 14, 7:30 a.m.; Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Birding the Marsh Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided birdwatching hikes around Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Reservations: 619-409-5900. Sundays, 11 a.m.; through Sunday, August 31, 2008, Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and Nature Center, 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive. (CHULA VISTA)

Canyon Survey Help the Friends of Buchanan Canyon survey the impairments to the canyon; observe and record incidences of erosion, invasive species, trash. 619-297-2957. Saturday, August 16, 9 a.m.; Johnson Avenue at Lincoln. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)







Discover Downtown Escondido

Walking tour led by Escondido History Center, starting at southeast corner of Grand and Broadway. 760-743-8207. Tuesday, August 19, 6 p.m.; Draper's and Damon's, 101 East Grand Avenue.

Get Out and Walk! Enjoy open space, native plants and animals during guided walks. 619-668-3281. Saturday, August 16, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, August 17, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, August 20, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Get Your Hands Dirty! Learn "to do compost the right way" with master composters from Solana Center for Environmental Innovation. Part of Edible City Celebration 2008 hosted by Food Not Lawns, 619-508-0374, Sunday, August 17, 2:30 p.m.; Bierney Elementary School, 4345 Campus Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Hike up Black Mountain Naturalist David Robertson leads nature hike up Black Mountain in Rancho Peñasquitos. Great views, significant elevation gains. Wear good footwear, bring water, sun protection. Meet at gate to natural area. 858-342-8856. Saturday, August 16, 8 a.m.; Hilltop Park, 9711 Oviedo Street. (MIRA MESA)

Hoots and Howls! Listen for sounds of night hunters — bats, owls, covotes — on trail guide-led twilight walk. Reservations required: 619-668-2748. Saturday, August 16, 6:45 p.m.; Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Palomar Mountain Work Weekend Meet up with group at Silvercrest day-use lot (just inside the park). Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack, Directions, reservations: 858-278-3280. Saturday, August 16, 8 a.m.; Sunday, August 17, 8 a.m.; Palomar Mountain State Park. (PALOMAR)

Sunset, Full Moon Walk Naturalist Linda King to hike up Black Mountain at sunset and the hike down in moonlight, Great vistas, significant elevation gain. Wear good footwear, bring water and insect repellent. 858-342-8856. Saturday, August 16, 6:30 p.m.; Laurentian Drive trailhead, Laurentian Drive at Mediatrice Lane. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Tree Time Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, August 16, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

SOUTH OF THE

ery, Valle de Guadalupe. (BAJA)

Bike Ride Event begins and ends at Tijuana City Hall. 011-52-664-215-9000. Sunday, August 17, 9:30 Zona Río. (BAJA)

Chili Cook-Off and Salsa

OUT & ABOUT

INDIAN FESTIVAL DAY Museum of Photographic Arts Saturday, August 16.

(SEE SPECIAL)

52-664-687-9636. Wednesday, Au-

gust 20, 6 p.m.; Centro Cultural

Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and

Paella Contest Harvest festivi-

ties continue with contest. 011-52-

646-178-3038. Sunday, August 17,

noon; \$35. Rancho San Gabriel,

San Antonio de las Minas, Valle de

Santo Tomás Street Fair En-

joy international food, house

wines, art exhibitions, cultural pre-

sentations, all types of music. 011-

52-646-178-3038. Saturday, Au-

gust 16, 2 p.m.; Bodegas de Santo

Tomás Winery, Avenida Miramar

Summer Taco and Beer Festival

Enjoy "all types of tacos," live en-

tertainment, more. Tickets include

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646-132-6094. Sunday, August 17,

10 a.m.; \$13. Plaza Ventana al Mar,

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petition, silent art auction. 619-Jazz Time Cabanijazz Project. Jazz Session, TJ Groove Station, 231-3900. Sunday, August 17, 11 Ensenada Iazz, Turilla Mureva, a.m.: \$10. Art Academy of San O'Bara Jazz Trio in concert, 011-Diego, 840 G Street, (DOWNTOWN)

> "ArtRocks" Preview Party In celebration of the arts and University Heights' 120th anniversary. artists have turned large river rocks into works of art for display at University Heights Arts Open, along with "other representative pieces of participating artists." Artists chosen for ArtRocks 2008: Amber Pierce, Brandie Maddalena, Carolyn Butler, d. goth, Dark Vomit, Diana Fowler, Duke Windsor, Jo Caldwell, Josie Rodriguez, Kaja Laustsen, Mario Torero, Matt Spangler, Midge Hyde, Patti Fox, Ricardo Vela, Sherry Krulle-Beaton, and Weston Riffle. Music by Korrie Paliotto. 619-508-4075. Friday, August 15, 7 p.m.; Swedenborg Hall, 1531 Tyler Avenue. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

> "Kindred Spirits" Exhibition of fine art by photographer George Friedman and painter Barbara Siegal, celebrating "the creativity of two people who have spent a lifetime together as artists and as husband and wife." See show through Friday, August 15, in Mission Trails Regional Park Art Gallery. 619-668-3280. Thursdays, 9 a.m.: Fridays, 9 a.m.; through Friday, August 15, 2008, Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

"New Members Celebration" Museum and the Artists Guild present three dual membership

prizes to exhibiting artists at the San Diego County Fair's "Fine Art Exhibit." Congratulate these new members during reception; each artist will show a new work, discuss themes and techniques. 619-232-7931. Sunday, August 17, 1 p.m.; San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Philosophy Gym: Can You Be Moral Without God? Is Gay Sex Wrong?" Explore these and other philosophical questions "in a casual social setting" with the North County Agnostics, 760-445-8112, Monday, August 18, 7 p.m.; Oceanside Mission Library, 3861-B Mission Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

"Who Signed That? Signed and Inscribed Books" Rare book exhibit in Wangenheim Room showcases over 100 signed and inscribed books by various authors, book artists, illustrators, publishers, people associated with literary world. Among the famous: Samuel Clemens, Jack London and his wife Charmian London, Ray Bradbury, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Herbert C. Hoover. 619-236-5807. Thursdays, 1:30 p.m.; Fridays, 1:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.; Mondays, 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.; through Tuesday, September 2, 2008, San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Why We Love George Carlin: A Tribute" Video and audio clips highlighting "brilliant wit of the comedy master" promised when Humanist Association of San Diego gathers. 760-445-8112. Sunday, August 17, 1 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Bike Night Cajon Classic Cruise season continues. Wednesdays through September 24. 619-401-8858. Wednesday, August 20, 5 p.m.; Prescott Promenade, 211 1/2 East Main Street, (EL CAJON)

Craft, Bead, and Jewelry Fair Fair promises handmade goods, beads, jewelry. 858-309-5045. Fri-

day, August 15, 8:30 a.m.; Saturday, August 16, 10 a.m.; Sunday, August 17, 10 a.m.; South Sun Products, 8601 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

Etch-A-Sketch! August exhibit in Geisel Library (lower level, west wing) focuses on this 1960s toy. Stop by UCSD Arts Library to borrow an Etch-A-Sketch; create a sketch on the toy and it will be placed in exhibit case. Visit throughout August to see everchanging gallery of sketches. 858-822-5758. Thursdays, 8 a.m.; Fridays, 8 a.m.: Saturdays, 8 a.m.: Sundays, 8 a.m.; Mondays, 8 a.m.; Tuesdays, 8 a.m.; Wednesdays, 8 a.m.; through Sunday, August 31, 2008, UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Festival of Sail Board ships from all over world; more than 20 tall ships and other vessels scheduled to appear. Festival kicks off with parade of tall ships on San Diego Bay on August 20, 10 a.m.; view parade from North Island, Shelter Island, Harbor Island, or along Embarcadero from Coast Guard Station to Seaport Village. Live music, food, vendors, educational booths, activities.

Also on tap: cannon battle sails (Friday-Sunday, \$65 general); 1914 pilot boat bay cruises (\$5); America's Cup boat sails (\$99 general); boat tours. 619-234-9153. Wednesday, August 20, 9 a.m.; San Diego Maritime Museum, 1306 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Form and Function! Artists are transforming picnic tables on four days in Embarcadero Marina Park North (behind Seaport Village). "Eight standard, concrete picnic tables will be transformed into colorful, inspiring, imaginative visual creations as part of a public art project." Proposals were selected through a juried competition. Artwork will remain for one year. 619-686-6222. Thursday, August 14, 10 a.m.; Friday, August 15, 10 a.m.; Seaport Village, 849 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Full-Moon Walk in Scripps Pier Explore the pier (normally

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"Atardecer Romantico" Sunset concert by Mexican singers Dulce and Carlos Cuevas in setting surrounded by vineyards. House wines, new releases, hors d'oeuvres. 619-476-9113. Saturday, August 16, 7 p.m.; \$160. Chateau Camou Win-

a.m.; \$15. Tijuana City Hall, in

Contest Thirteenth annual food contest. Registration, information: 011-52-646-152-0090. Saturday, August 16, noon; Los Gordos Restaurant, Rancho la Bufadora (22 miles south of Ensenada).

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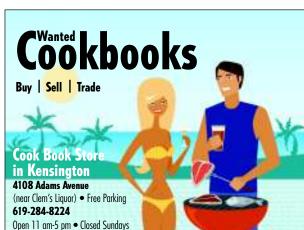
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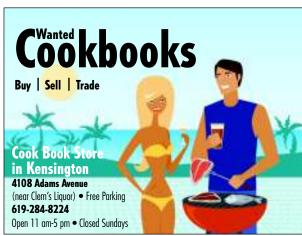
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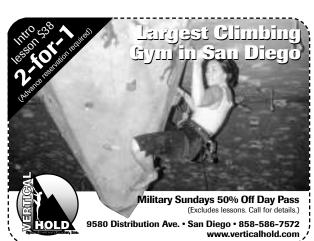
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closed to public) and learn of structure's history, collect plankton, dissect a squid, observe ocean conditions, and study nocturnal habits of marine life. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. Friday, August 15, 7 p.m.; \$17-\$20. Ages 9 and up. Scripps Institution of Oceanography, 8602 La Jolla Shores Drive. (LA JOLLA)

House of Palestine Lawn program with ethnic dancing, music, and costumes. 619-234-0739. Sunday, August 17, 2 p.m.; House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Indian Festival Day Festival highlighting culture of India — in particular the region of Gujarat — as complement to "Humanitas: Images of India" exhibit by Fredric Roberts. The Gujarati Association of San Diego will share traditions, culture. Included in regular admission. 619-238-7559. Saturday, August 16, 11 a.m.; Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado.

Life Drawing and Painting Open studio offered; bring art materials to work with model. The first 1.5 hours consist of short poses; final 1.5 hours promise long pose. No formal instruction. 619-231-3900. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.; Tuesdays, 6 p.m.; through Wednesday, July 8, 2009, \$10. Art Academy of San Diego, 840 G

Pala Music Festival and Bike Show 18th annual event hosted by Vietnam Vets/Legacy Vets takes place next door to Pala Casino. Organizers plan "double overnighter of bands, bikes, babes, beer, food, and fun." Bike show with trophies, hardbody contest on Saturday.

Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Camping fee: \$45 per couple, \$30 per single; \$20 for Saturday pass. 619-241-6958. Friday, August 15, noon; Saturday, August 16, 6 a.m.; Sunday, August 17, 6 a.m.; \$20-\$45. Pala Casino, 35008 Pala Temecula Road. (PALA)

Rosy! Rose garden tour led by Dick Streeper and San Diego Rose Society's American Rose Society consulting rosarians. See, smell "the best rose varieties for selection in San Diego," have questions answered. 619-448-0321. Saturday, August 16, 10 a.m.; Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden, Park Boulevard just north of Naval Hospital. (BALBOA PARK)

SAN Skyfaire San Diego International Airport celebrates 80th anniversary with music, food, booths, children's art, free kites and tree seedlings. Preview future plans in displays "highlighting the airport authority's commitment to the environment." Saturday, August 16, 10 a.m.; NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

San Diego Fern Society Show and sale in Casa del Prado room 104. 619-232-8232. Saturday, August 16, noon; Sunday, August 17, 10 a.m.; Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Stamp-Collecting Show Stamp and cover dealers offer their wares. 619-218-7835. Sunday, August 17, 10 a.m.; Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

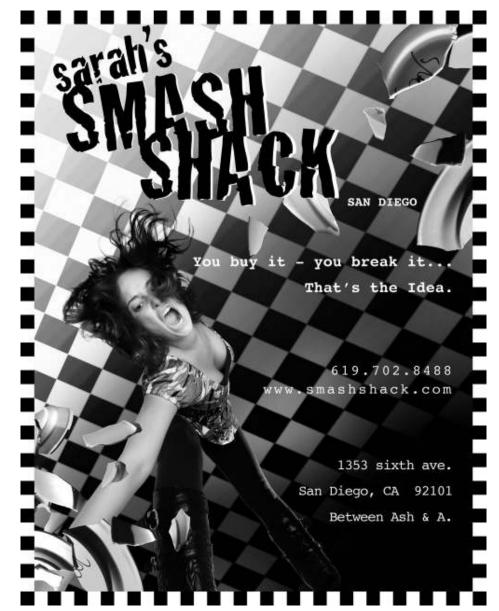
Summer Home Design and Remodeling Show All manner of ideas, products, and services on offer. 800-999-5400. Friday, August 15, 10 a.m.; Saturday, August 16, 10 a.m.; Sunday, August 17, 10 a.m.; San Diego Convention Center, 111 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Sustainability Fair Focus of fair is to provide education to community and commercial sector. Enjoy vendor displays and workshops, providing latest technology, information in sustainable energy, water use, recycling, waste management. Bring incandescent light bulbs for CFL light bulb exchange provided by SDG&E. View drought-resistant landscape designs, learn about the latest green cleaning products, ways to improve energy efficiency. 858-244-1177. Tuesday, August 19, 10 a.m.; California Center for Sustainable Energy, 8690 Balboa Avenue.

Talmadge Art Show — **North County** Art show with 28 artists showcasing, selling works of art including jewelry, pottery, wire art, clothing, watercolors, garden art, dolls, quilts, more. 619-559-9082. Saturday, August 16, 10 a.m.; Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Toast to Hillcrest Hillcrest History Guild hosts sampling of wine, spirits, and appetizers at numerous restaurants and bars throughout neighborhood, including Crest Cafe, City Deli, Urban Mo's, Baja Betty's, Number One Fifth Avenue, many others. Double-decker bus provides transportation. 619-260-1929. Thursday, August 14, 5:30 p.m.; \$25. Toast to Hillcrest will call, Fifth Avenue at Robinson Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Twelfth Anniversary Celebration and Invitational Beer Festival Charity fundraising event hosted by Stone Brewing, with over 30 breweries, homebrewed sodas, Arrogant Bastard Ale onion rings, Mike's beer



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cheese, more. 760-471-4999. Saturday, August 16, 11:15 a.m.; \$35-\$40. Ages 21 and up. CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

Understanding Buddhism P&R Discussion Group gathers for discussion. 619-370-1027. Thursday, August 14, 7 p.m.; Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street, (NORTH PARK)

Voodoo Vacation on Zombie Island Tropical weekend with tiki twist. Tiki bazaar with over 40 vendors, costume contests, live tiki carving, tiki tours. Zombie makeup 101 workshop (\$25), "Burlesque as It Was" Tahitian dance lesson (\$5), kids' tiki crafts, more. Shag DVD signing (free). Evening B-movie screening (10:30 p.m.). 415-335-1624. Saturday, August 16, 10 a.m.; Sunday, August 17, 10 a.m.; Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2270 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

SPORTS

America's Finest City Half Marathon Half marathon begins at 7 a.m. at Cabrillo National Monument and concludes in Balboa Park (half marathon is full). Run/walk fast 5k loop begins and ends in front of the Hall of Champions in Balboa Park (starting at 6:45 a.m.). 760-692-2900. Sunday, August 17, 6:45 a.m.; Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way.

Bicycle to Leucadia and Back Join Knickerbikers for 50-mile ride to Leucadia, starting at Old Town Transit Center. Bring money for lunch at Java Depot. 619-741-7169 or 619-240-6659. Sunday, August 17, 8:15 a.m.; Old Town Transit Center, 4005 Taylor Street. (OLD TOWN)

Crack of the Bat San Diego Padres host Philadelphia Phillies. Pads head to Arizona for games against Diamondbacks August 19-21. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Friday, August 15, 7:05 p.m.; Saturday, August 16, 12:35 p.m.; Sunday, August 17, 1 p.m.; \$8-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Full-Moon Paddle on Mission

Bay Gain introduction to kayaking and enjoy scenic nighttime tour of one of San Diego's most beautiful playgrounds. Reservations: 619-255-0203. Saturday, August 16, 7 p.m.; \$20-\$65. Ages 6 and up. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Midnight Madness Fun Bicycle Ride The 35th annual event begins with registration on south side of County Administration Building (8 p.m.). Costume and bike-decorating contests at 10 p.m.; 18-mile primarily flat loop ride pedals off at midnight. 619-

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338-9981 x15. Saturday, August 16, 10 p.m.; \$28–\$35. County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Coast Highway. (LITTLE ITALY)

No Brakes, No Gears! Tuesday night bicycle racing season continues with racing in many categories. Free for spectators. 619-573-4953. Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.; through Tuesday, September 30, 2008, San Diego Velodrome, 2221 Morley Field Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Longboard Surfing Club Contest Competition and beach festival takes place at Oceanside Pier amphitheater and on South Pier beach. Event opens with Guy Takayama's eighth annual Pro Noseriding Contest, Friday, August 15. Free for spectators. 858-442-0316, 760-931-0301. Friday, August 15, 6 a.m.; Saturday, August 16, 6 a.m.; Sunday, August 17, 6 a.m.; Oceanside Pier Plaza Amphitheatre, 200 North the Strand. (OCEANSIDE)

Padres Baseball Following a road trip with stops in New York and Colorado, the Padres host Milwaukee Brewers in Petco Park. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Thursday, August 14, 12:35 p.m.; \$8-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Pedal Century Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists for 100-mile adventure to San Clemente through Camp Pendleton and back to Doyle Park. Bring money for lunch. 619-561-3846. Sunday, August 17, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY) **Spreckels Cup Matches** Polo matches hosted by San Diego Polo Club. Preliminary matches at 1:30 p.m., feature match at 3 p.m. Parking: \$5. 858-750-6841. Sunday, August 17, 1:30 p.m.; \$10-\$25. San Diego Polo Club, 14555 El Camino Real. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

The Horses Are on the Track! Del Mar Thoroughbred Club meet continues through September 3. Next "Donut Day" is Saturday, August 23, with free doughnuts, coffee, orange juice, questions answered by track announcer Trevor Denman. Racing slated every day except Tuesday. Post time is 2 p.m. except Four O'Clock Fridays (August 15, 22, and 29 at 3:30 p.m.). Parking: \$8. 858-755-1141, 858-793-5533. Thursdays, 2 p.m.; Fridays, 3:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m.; Mondays, 2 p.m.; Wednesdays, 2 p.m.; through Wednesday, September 3, 2008, \$6-\$15. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Zoot Playa del Run Aquathlon series continues with 1000m swim and 2-loop 5k run. Participants doing only 5k run will take 2-loop course. Race-day registration (if available), 7 a.m. 310-821-7898. Sunday, August 17, 9 a.m.; \$20-\$40. Fletcher Cove, Lomas Santa Fe Drive. (SOLANA BEACH)

MUSEUMS

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center The museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News.* 619-267-5141. 4355 Bonita Road, 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

Campo Railroad Museum Campo Railroad Museum, show-casing more than 130 years of American railroad history and technology through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, 1880s "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars. Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11 a.m., 2:30 p.m.) over portion of the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway. 31123-1/2 Highway 94, 619-465-7776. (INLAND BORDER TOWNS)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum From 1600s until early 20th century, it was a common social custom in China for friends to exchange tiny spoonfuls of snuff tobacco from each other's bottles when meeting; snuff bottles were an essential accoutrement to upper class lifestyle. Bottles were made from various materials including carved stone, jade, ivory, metal, porcelain, cloisonné, glass. "Snuff Bottles: A Hidden Chinese Art" showcases 42 19th- and early 20th-Century snuff bottles collected by Peg Evans between 1937 and 1939 in China. Some modern pieces will also be on display. Closes Tuesday, September 30.

See artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall. 404 Third Avenue, 619-338-9888.

Chula Vista Heritage Museum

The museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. 360 Third Avenue, 619-427-8092. (CHULA VISTA)

Creation Museum A museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views. 10946 Woodside Avenue North, 619-448-0900. (SANTEE)

Gemological Institute of America Museum Permanent exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Reservations are required. 5345 Armada Drive, 800-421-7250. (CARLSBAD)

Heritage Walk Museum The museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city's original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park. 321 North Broadway, 760-743-8207 (ESCONDIDO)

House of Pacific Relations International Cottages are open every Sunday, noon-4 p.m., presenting history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. On fourth Tuesday of each month, *Children Around the World* videos screened in Hall of Nations, select cottages open. 2125 Park Boulevard, 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

J.A. Cooley Museum An eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-1915, "some classics and a concept car." 4233 Park Boulevard, 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park, old adobe buildings were once vacation retreat and working rancho of actor Leo Carrillo. Tours on Saturdays (11 a.m., 1 p.m.) and Sundays (noon, 2 p.m.). 6200 Flying Leo Carrillo Lane, 760-476-1042. (CARLSBAD)

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum Housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. Witherby Street and Hancock Street, 619-524-6038. (DOWNTOWN)

Marston House Museum Historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. 3525 Seventh Avenue, 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

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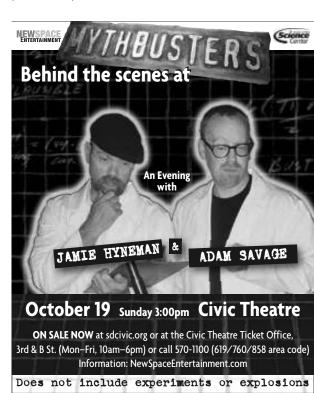
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Museum of San Diego History

"Place of Promise: Stories of San Diego" lets visitors "literally walk on San Diego"; a map of county extends from wall to wall across the floor. Also featured in ongoing exhibit are two large 1930s murals by artist Charles Reiffel and a 1910 San Diego streetcar, Stories of San Diego are interpreted through images, artifacts, oral histories from society's collection. The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building. 1649 El Prado, 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

New Americans Museum in NTC Promenade Opening exhibitions include Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service's "Becoming American: Teenagers and Immigration, Photographs by Barbara Beirne." Exhibit features black-and-white photo "interviews" by Beirne, who traveled through San Diego and U.S. capturing teenagers' responses to immigrant experience. Also on view: "A Contemporary

Story: Perspectives by Immigrant and Refugee Artists," a collaboration between New Americans Museum and The AJA Project, a local organization empowering refugee youth to use photography and other media arts to share their stories. 2825 Dewey Road, Suite 102, 619-255-8908, (POINT LOMA)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove "The Sonka Brothers General Store" is recreation of store said to have "kick-started the postagricultural economy of Lemon Grove," Exhibit includes post office, array of domestic and farm artifacts, photographs, furnishings.

"Domestic Life in Lemon Grove: 1915" showcases furnishings, clothing, and artifacts from Lemon Grove ranches and homes, along with photographs of early residents and historic buildings. "The Parson's Study" is a permanent Arts and Crafts installation with rolltop desk, 155 English organ, an Edison Amberola and library of cylindrical recordings.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center "Tinkering" features more than 20

hands-on exhibits bringing out "your inner inventor" with pulleys, computer circuits, turntables, wind tunnels, more. In the "Tinkering Studio," kids transform household items into catapults, robots, spectroscopes, more.

Closes June 7, 2009.

3185 Olive Street, 619-460-4353.

Ongoing exhibitions include "Origins in Space: Spin-Offs in Science and Technology," "So WATT! An Illuminating Look at Energy," "Aging for All Ages," "Kid City" (for preschoolers), "TryScience!" "Escape from Dino Island" is theme for motion simulator ride. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 1875 El Prado, 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Air and Space Museum "Star Trek The Exhibition" is said to contain "the world's most comprehensive collection of authentic Star Trek ships, re-creations, sets, costumes, and props" from five television series and ten films created for more than 40 years. Sit on a re-creation of the original USS Enterprise bridge, enjoy a motion simulator.

Technological advancements made in aircraft propulsion over the last century are showcased in "100 Years of Aircraft Engines," including a functional reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the Spitfire and P-51 Mustang fighters; and a rare German Junkers Jumo 004, one of the world's first operational jet engines.

Concurrently, see "The History of Commercial Aviation in America." A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a recreation of the airline's first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.

"P-51 Mustang" celebrates the legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Korea. The museum's Mustang is painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s"; a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the

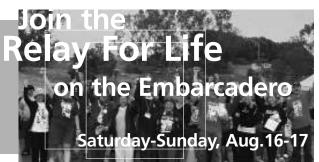
USS Yorktown, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

The museum is located in the Ford Building in the Palisades area. 2001 Pan American Plaza, 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Archaeological Center "What Is Archaeology?' exhibit provides basics of archaeology in San Diego region from 9000 years ago to present day. Artifacts from center's collections provide look at past for young and old alike. Treasure hunt activity "archaeology quest" for kids, artifact matching game, hands-on crafts and research station. Closes Tuesday, July 21, 2009.





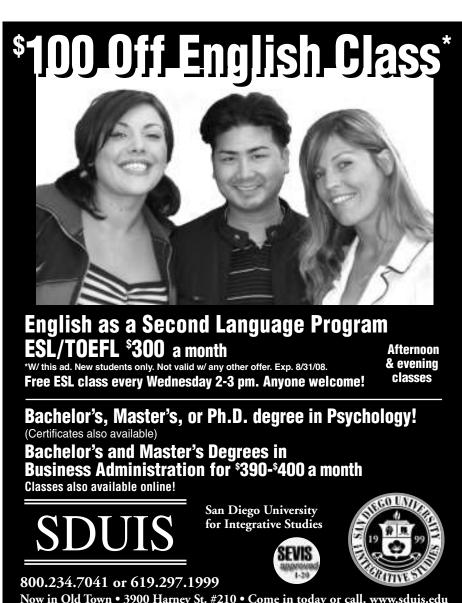


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Center hosts monthly archaeological-themed lectures, workshops, and family events on second Saturday of each month. Museum is dedicated to curating and sharing archaeological collections with public for educational, scientific, cultural use. 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road, 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Automotive Museum

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More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl. 2080 Pan American Plaza, 619-231-2886.

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San Diego Maritime Museum

"The Art of the Boat — Photos from the Rosenfeld Collection,' continuing through July, 2009, is collection of over 40 black and white photographs celebrating marriage of great yachts and sea through lenses of father-and-son team Morris and Stanley Rosenfeld. Duo is renowned for photographs of yachts, tall ships, speed boats, and photography of every Americas Cup race from 1885-

The photography exhibition "Portrait of Tall Ships" features more than 30 photographs by Thad Koza and Michael Berman. Exhibit includes chronicles of sailing adventures of the museum's ships. Through February 2009.

"San Diego's Navy," based upon book by same name written by Bruce Linder, is said to be "the only comprehensive exhibit depicting the extraordinary contribution the Navy has made to the history of the San Diego region."

The museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark Star of India, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat Berkeley, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht Medea. The HMS Surprise, used in film Master and Commander, is permanently on exhibit; see artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick.

Also open for touring: a B-39 Soviet attack submarine, among the largest conventionally powered submarines ever built. This Project 641/Foxtrot class diesel-electric submarine was designed to track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the Earth's oceans. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, complete research library. 1306 North Harbor Drive, 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man

"People, Prints, and Politics: China 1920-1980" features work by Chinese artist and scholar Xian Rang Yong from Shandong Province. Yong utilizes Chinese art of woodblock printing to create compelling portraits, landscapes, depictions of cultural activities, political posters. Closes Sunday, October 19.

"Beyond Reasonable Drought" examines "ways in which culture and climate are intimately connected today as they always have been." Exhibition examines how water resources have affected populations, cultures.

"Gods and Gold: Ancient Treasures from Mexico to Peru" showcases museum's collections of Mexican, Central American, and South American archaeological objects. Rare gold and jewelry, exotic figurines, intricate stonework, and pottery from the ancient world are on display, as well as a crystal skull, on loan from a private collector.

"Art and Expression: The Legacy of Our Collections" highlights 17 key collections, relates stories of the collectors, how collections came to museum, their significance in preserving history of past generations. Objects include pottery, baskets, beadwork, jewelry, woodcarving, folk art, katsinas, bone and ivory implements, shields, textiles.

In "Artists Speak: Contemporary Art from Ghana and Zimbabwe," museum has partnered with artists from Ghana and Zimbabwe to showcase paintings and sculpture by accomplished African artists.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 1350 El Prado, 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Tug Boat Museum

A 100-foot retired Korean War-era tug boat built in 1951 is open for tours at museum. Boat is docked along Harbor Drive, between Grape Street and Broadway. Harbor Drive, 619-200-7417. (DOWNTOWN)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park Commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Selfguided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley, 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road, 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Valley Center History Museum

Movie star, "world-class bodybuilder," and longtime Valley Center rancher Steve Reeves is remembered in an exhibit continuing through Tuesday, December 30. He appeared in 18 movies, and is best known as star of Hercules. Exhibit includes photos, movie memorabilia, personal mementos.

The museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on exhibit: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. 29200 Cole Grade Road, 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

William Heath Davis House Museum is said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego. The house is a wellpreserved example of a preframed lumber "salt box" family home, shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. 410 Island Avenue, 619-233-4692.









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SummerFest under the Stars SummerFest artists joined by La Jolla Symphony for outdoor performance. Bring blanket, enjoy music by Mendelssohn, Gershwin, John Williams, and John Philip Sousa. 858-459-3728. Scripps Park (1133 Coast Boulevard), 7:30 p.m., Thursday, August 14. (LA JOLLA)

Symphony Pops on the Green Fallbrook Music Society presents 23rd annual concert with San Diego Symphony Orchestra playing American pops, "light classical favorites." Gates open at 5:30 p.m. for picnicking (bring your own or purchase in advance from society): music at 7:30 p.m. 760-451-8644. Grand Tradition Estate (1602 South Mission Road), 5:30 p.m., Thursday, August 14. (FALLBROOK)

"Broadway Here and Now" Songs from Hairspray, Mama Mia, The Wiz, Spamalot, Les Miserables, others may be heard when Randall Craig Fleischer conducts San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concert. Evenings conclude with fireworks. 619-235-0804. Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way), 7:30 p.m., Friday, August 15, and Saturday, August 16. (DOWNTOWN)

Jazz at SummerFest Jacques Loussier Trio in concert hosted by La Jolla Music Society. Reservations: 858-459-3728. Birch North Park Theatre (2891 University Ave), 7:30 p.m., Friday, August 15.

Classical Pleasures and Treasures La Jolla Music Society's SummerFest 2008 continues with "Messiaen Centennial: Music for All Time," 7:30 p.m., Saturday, August 16. Program includes works by Messiaen and Debussy. "Legends and Rituals" promises pieces by Ravel, Beethoven, Ravel, and Stravinsky, August 17.

All Brahms! At 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 19, enjoy "Brahms III — Intimacy and Grandeur." Spend "An Evening with Leon Fleisher" celebrating the pianist's 80th birthday; selections by Bach, Brahms, Schubert, and Ravel, August 20. Festival includes coaching workshops, open rehearsals, encounters. Reservations: 858-459-3728. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary

Art San Diego (700 Prospect

Civic Organist Emeritus Robert Plimpton in concert. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, August 17. (BALBOA PARK)

"Despite and Still" This song cycle by Samuel Barber set to poetry by Robert Graves, James Joyce, and Theodore Roethke, may be heard when soprano MaryLou Rector and pianist Ilana Mysior present first recital in San Diego Library's fall concert series. Program showcases Robert Schumann's "Frauenliebe und-leben (A Woman's Love and Life)," a songcycle set to poetry of Adalbert von Chamisso; and American premiere of La Jolla composer Robert Fürstenthal's setting of "Traum der eignen Tage," described as "the one poem in the Chamisso cycle that was never set by Schumann." Four other songs by Fürstenthal are also promised. 619-236-5810. San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), 2:30 p.m., Sunday, August

Silent Movie Night Theater organist Dennis James performs for International Summer Organ Festival. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 7:30 p.m., Monday, August 18. (BALBOA PARK)

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GALLERIES

"New Artists, New Directions" Exhibit opens with reception for the ten participating jewelry artists. Closes Friday, September 26. 619-692-0099. Taboo Studio (1615 West Lewis Street). 6 p.m., Friday, August 15.

"Temporal Garden — A Vision of Regional Sculpture" "Finissage/closing" for sculptors José Amariz, Ruth Edward Anderson, Joseph Bennett, D.J. Brelje, Fred Briscoe, Greg Eng, Chester Gould, Victoria Johnson, Benjamin Lavender, John McDavid, Randy Perkins, Bobi Postelnek, Enny Pötter, Ronald, Ruth Seeger, Lea de Wit. 619-990-1613. Studio Michelangelo (1433 Market Street). 7 p.m., Friday, August 15. (DOWNTOWN)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum Five new exhibitions of work by local artists. See "Active Duty" by Owen

Mundy; "Contemporary Ruin: A Selection of Prints by the Los Angeles Printmaking Society"; "United and Severed: That Window of Time"; "Shannon McNeill: Little Drawings"; and "Warning Signs," prints by R.H. Brownfield. Each "touches on issues relevant to contemporary life in America including motherhood, active duty military life, loss, and more. Through November. 340 North Escondido Boulevard, 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum

"Hungarian Folk Magic — The Art of Joseph Domian" includes several of this master woodblock printer's pieces, along with objects from other cultures of the folklore images Domjan often portrayed. "Exhibition is an expression of the power of art to endure war, politics, and disaster and to rise, phoenix-like, from the ashes." Closes Sunday, October 12.

"India Adorned" features selections from museum's Stephen Huyler Collection. Exhibit "reveals the colorful diversity of Indian creative expression, presenting an evocative collection of works that are used in the daily routine of a typical Indian family - objects of worship, personal and domestic adornment, utility, and recreation." Closes Sunday, April 19, 2009.

"Forms in Wood and Fiber: Southern California New Work" features work of six distinguished San Diego wood artists and many California Fibers members. "Both fresh perspectives on traditional forms and cutting-edge contemporary expressions will be included in works of superior design and craftsmanship." Participating artists include Wendy Maruyama, Russ Filbeck, Patrick Edwards, Del Cover, Brett Hesser, and Gene Blickenstaff. Closes Sunday, January 4, 2009. 1439 El Prado, 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK

Mingei International Museum North County "Art of Play: Kinetic Toys of the World" closing Sunday, September 14 features objects that move when manipulated. See kites from many countries, pull- and push-toys, antique mechanical banks, puppets, wooden toys. 155 West Grand Avenue, 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown

"Human/Nature: Artists Respond to a Changing Planet," opening August 17, uses contemporary art to investigate relationships between fragile natural environments and human communities depending upon them. Collaborative multiyear exhibition project sent eight artists to eight UNESCO World Heritage sites around globe to complete mini-residencies, create new work informed and inspired by their experiences in these diverse cultural and natural regions. Exhibit features new commissioned works by Mark Dion, Ann Hamilton, Iñigo Manglano-Ovalle, Marcos Ramírez ERRE, Rigo 23, Dario Robleto, Diana Thater, and Xu Bing. Closes Sunday, February 1, 2009.

"Memory Is Your Image of Perfection," curated by MCASD assistant curator Lucía Sanromán, presents photography and video works from museum's collection created by women artists of Southern California and Baja California. Exhibition "investigates the subject of memory through associations, oppositions, and overlaps

amongst photographic genres that range from straight documentary photography to manipulated photography." Artists include Eleanor Antin, Uta Barth, Andrea Bowers, Sharon Lockhart, Ana Machado, and Yvonne Venegas. Through November. 1001 Kettner Boulevard, 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla "Elusive Signs: Bruce Nauman Works with Light" is said to focus "on Nauman's neons and light-room installations created over the first two decades of his career (1965-1985)." On view through Sunday, August 31, exhibition presents provocative body of work in which artist grapples with questions of how perception is shaped by light and space. 700 Prospect Street, 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts "Flesh: The Portraiture of Gary Schneider," continuing through Sunday, September 14, includes John in Sixteen Parts, a set of black-and-white fragments of Schneider's partner's face seen through time. Also included: Genetic Self-Portrait, an installation utilizing medical-imaging techniques to depict his own body from the inside out; and Heads and Nudes, where the South African artist uses exposures of up to three hours to explore and transform the flesh of friends and family.

"Picturing the Process: Landscape Through Time and Space" continuing through Sunday, February 1, 2009 — includes selections from MoPA's permanent collection, exploring ideas and issues related to landscape.

In "Humanitas: Images of India by Fredric Roberts," the artist pictures people in India, Myanmar, Cambodia, Bhutan, Thailand, China as they go about their lives, selling water or herding camels. Through Sunday, September 7. 1649 El Prado, 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art

"Ancient Marks: The Sacred Origins of Tattoos and Body Marking" features over 100 black and white photographs by documentary photographer Chris Rainier reflecting "humanity's efforts to forge identity, beauty, storytelling, and sacred beliefs." Closes Sunday, August 24.

'The Vibrant Edge: Paintings of Karl Benjamin from the 1960s, '70s, and '80s" — closing on Sunday, October 19 - "illustrates how this West Coast painting icon became known as one of the founding fathers of Hard Edge." Benjamin, whose oeuvre spans more than half a century, says, "Color is the subject matter of painting.' 704 Pier View Way, 760-435-3720. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art Touring exhibition "Georgia O'Keeffe and the Women of the Stieglitz Circle" boasts more than 80 pieces, including work by O'Keeffe, Gertrude Käsebier, Pamela Colman Smith, Anne Brigman, and Katharine Rhoades. These artists were "interested in redefining the identity of the modern woman and explored the changing themes of femininity in modernism." On view through Sunday, September 28.

"Eleanor Antin: Historical Takes," on display through Sunday, November 2, focuses on Antin's recent series of large-scale tableaux photographs based on

Greek and Roman history and mythology, presented together for first time. "The three series are comprised of comic and psychologically complex melodramatic enactments of actual and fictional classical narratives."

"Visible Places: Works by Women on Paper" — continuing through Wednesday, November 12 - showcases works from SDMA's collection. The early- to mid-20th-Century pieces offer historical framework allowing consideration of how artistic styles changed over time, reflect upon active participation of women in the social and political currents of the period. Artists included are Mary Cassatt, Käthe Kollwitz, Isabel Bishop, Barbara Hepworth, Leonora Carrington. Exhibit includes "Spatial Gestures," focusing on abstract works by contemporary women artists acquired by museum between 2006 and pre-

sent.
"Emerging Elites: Indo-Muslim Cultures in Transition," opening Saturday, August 16, examines artistic transitions that took place in Indo-Muslim cultural centers in the 18th and 19th centuries. Exhibition treats these paintings as creative, ongoing cultural transformations. Closes Sunday, March 15, 2009. 1450 El Prado, 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art Permanent collection includes European old master paintings, 18thand 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. Saint Bartholomew, the only Rembrandt painting on public display in San Diego, is featured. 1500 El Prado, 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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The Dues "We're gonna play a cover [song]. If you are from ASCAP or BMI, you can fuck off." That's how Jackson Milgaten, singer/

CDs. For instance, he says he paid a \$150 licensing fee so the Sess could record a song by a '60s garage band called the Remains.

Milgaten's issue with ASCAP/BMI has to do with the clearinghouses going after small bars that feature bands which occasionally throw in a cover song.

the inside track

guitarist/bassist with Vision of a Dying World, introduced a Daniel Johnston song recently at the Ken Club.

ASCAP/BMI are the two major nonprofit groups that collect performance royalties from bars and nightclubs to pay songwriters. It's not that Milgaten doesn't respect the rights of songwriters; as the owner of local label Single Screen Records (the Sess, Red Feathers, Powerchords), he secures permission to use copyrighted songs on his



MILGATEN STANDS UP FOR THE LITTLE CLUB

"Most of the larger venues, like the Belly Up, Casbah, and Beauty Bar, pay their [ASCAP/BMI] fees," says Milgaten. "Besides, who cares if someone else plays your music in some small bar? Nobody is making any great money out here.

Bar owners usually pay \$2000 to \$7500 a year to ASCAP/BMI for the rights to have bands perform cover songs. The fee is determined by the size of the venue and the number of nights music is featured. If the businesses don't comply, they could be

BMI spokesman Jerry Bailey says the statutory damages range from \$750 to \$30,000 per song. "And if it's willful infringement, it could be up to \$150,000 per song.... We don't often lose [court] cases." Bailey says BMI only goes after the business — not the artists who play the copyrighted

BMI licenses about 600,000 U.S. bars and restaurants. Bailey says that only about 3 percent of clearinghouse income comes from licensing live-music venues; most of its income comes from radio and TV. But if a venue refuses to pay its license, BMI will send a "researcher" who will sit in the bar and write down the

songs that are played and record them with a small recorder.

Milgaten says he blurted out the F-word out of frustration: he says he heard that ASCAP/BMI representatives recently paid visits to local nightspots. Bailey would not confirm the veracity of what Milgaten heard.

— Ken Leighton

Mess with the

Bull... Moondoggies in PB has been found in contempt of court for substituting generic energy drinks for Red Bull without telling patrons who order the beverage by its brand name. "This is the second time that Red Bull has caught the bar passing off," according to a statement released by Red Bull North America, Inc.

The drink manufacturer filed a federal lawsuit against Moondoggies in 2003, obtaining a permanent injunction to prevent the bar from further violations of this sort. Moondoggies paid \$50,000 to settle the case, but the new contempt-of-court finding comes with accusations that the bar

violated the injunction by continuing to substitute generic drinks.

"In May 2007 and July



BRITNEY GOT HER RED BULL

2007," according to the beverage makers, "Red Bull investigators discovered that Moondoggies was again passing off. Red Bull immediately asked the court to hold Moondoggies in contempt for violation of the permanent injunction."

Joe Vaught, who runs San Diego's Tayern at the Beach and the Sandbar Sports Grill, says, "There are so many knockoff products trying to

mimic Red Bull's success and [vendors] approaching our managers to switch by opening up their wallets or offering their product at a lower cost. I'm sure many bar owners have been tempted to pass off cheaper products as premium brands to reduce their costs, but no one is ordering the other products by name.

"Consumers are encouraged to demand the can of Red Bull with their drink as proof that they are not being deceived," says Chad Peffer, Red Bull's vice president of North American sales. "The best way to distinguish Red Bull from alternative products is the packaging. Red Bull is sold exclusively in its unique blueand-silver can; it is never shot out of a beverage-dispenser gun."

Red Bull says it settled similar lawsuits against Dicey Riley's in Florida for \$75,000 and the Houston-based Tavern for \$150,000. Most recently, a judgment against Wet nightclub in Chicago amounted to \$679,827.

Moondoggies' managers did not respond to requests for comment before press time.

— Jay Allen Sanford



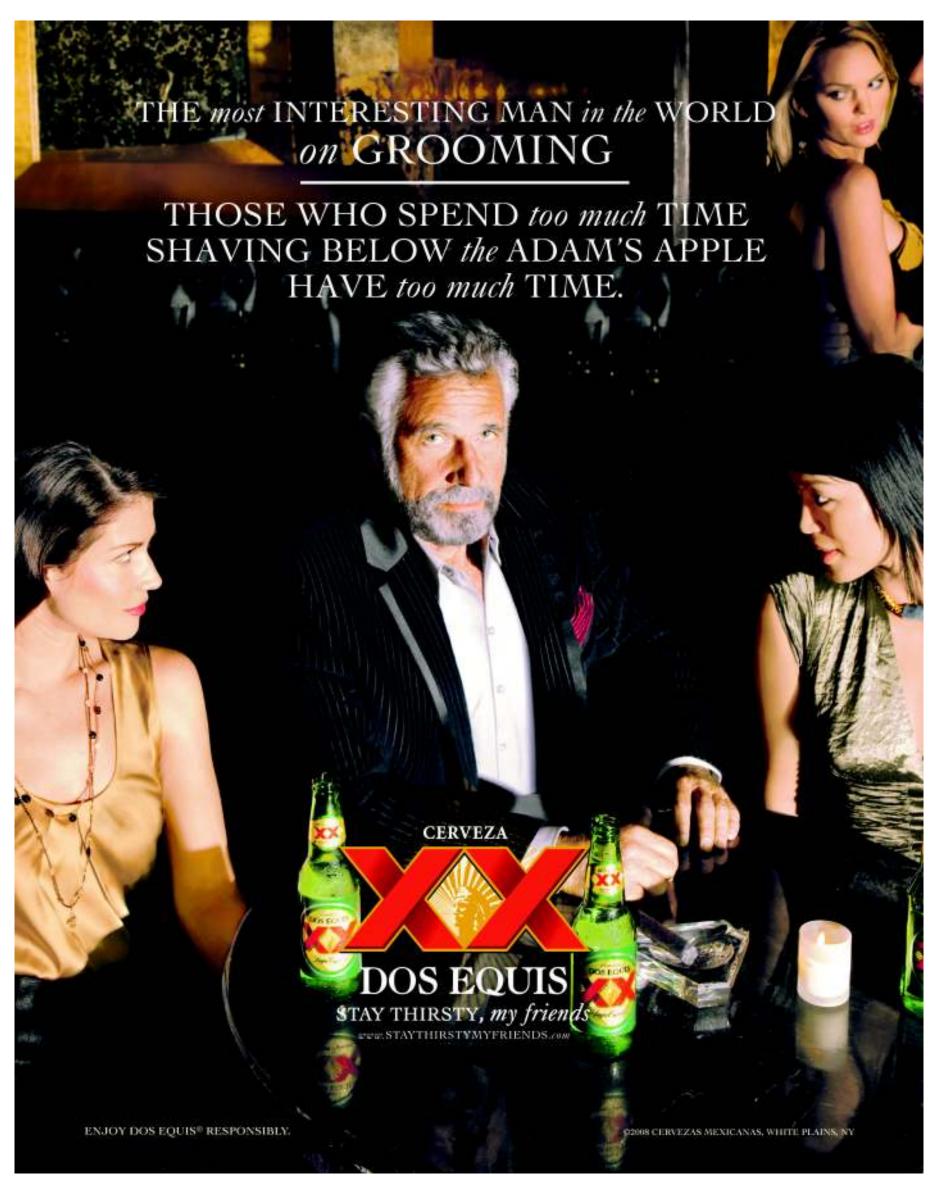
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Calendar Music scene

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Feeding the Monster

Real estate developer Orrin Day, who has owned the Ramona movie theater on

Main Street for six years, stopped showing films two years ago because people weren't coming. So, he put the 6000square-

foot theater (built in 1946) on the market.

"This building was sucking me dry," says Day. "I had to do something. I was tired of feeding the monster."

The theater was dark for a year and a half before Ramona musician August Christman booked it for a multi-band show in April.

"There was no outlet for music in Ramona," says Christman, who plays bass in jazzy ska band Children of Invention. "There are only three bars up here, and it's always the same old sleazy people. All they have is classic-rock cover bands or karaoke. In Ramona, people only do Eminem songs or country music for karaoke."

Day says Christman's show inspired him to reopen the theater as a showcase for comedy, plays, and music. He says he spent over \$1 million on the remodel. On July 25, Cash'd Out played the grand-opening party for what's now known as the Ramona

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Mainstage Theatre.

Day says his new

Day says his new business is one of the few establishments in the county licensed to sell beer but no wine; he got that license last month.

I'M NO

GAY.

introduced Cheech, the

audience still wasn't sure if

the crowd to be nice to the

next guy on stage, that they

side of the road. They played

outfit from Up in Smoke. The

crowd went nuts. They gave

just picked him up on the

'Low Rider,' and he came

onstage wearing the same

him a standing

I saw the

last show they

ovation."

did on

Saturday.

August 2.

performed a

few of their

dogs Ralph

characters: the

and Herbie in

the alley, blues

Melon Chitlin', and

Cheech as an old lady. They

did a new skit and said they

were working on more stuff

After the show, they took

pictures with each member of

the crowd. It cost \$20 for a

autographed any item you

others had albums. One

had. Some people had DVDs,

person brought rolling paper

to have signed. An older guy

for an upcoming tour.

Polaroid, and they

singer Blind

famous

They

he'd really be there. She told

"There was a lady who pooh-poohs every alcohol license [application], but she didn't challenge us. I think she realized this community needs this. It's not a bar with pool tables; people come here to see performances. This



CASH'D OUT BREAKS IN MAINSTAGE

town was just begging for something."

He says people 18, 19, and 20 can attend shows, but they get a black X on their hand, which labels them as underage; those over 21 get a wristband that allows them to buy beer.

The Agavero Revue plays the Mainstage Theatre on Saturday, August 16 (ramonamainstage.com).

— Ken Leighton

Still Smokin'

"Dangerous" Dick Spenneberg does stand-up comedy at local clubs in San Diego five nights a week, most often at the Comedy Store. From July 30 to August 2, he emceed the Cheech and Chong reunion shows at the Comedy Store in La Jolla.

"This was their first time performing together on stage in [almost] 30 years," says Spenneberg. "Shelby Chong, Tommy's wife, did 20 minutes. When she had a Cheech and Chong lunchbox.

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overheard in San Diego: Corvette Diner

BUT I EAT

HERE A LOT

Cheech saw my Buffalo Springfield shirt and started singing, "Stop, hey, what's that sound/ Everybody look what's goin' down." As we snapped a photo, I asked them to make it look as if they were toking a joint. They put their fingers to their lips.



CHEECH AND CHONG, IN THE DAY

I told Chong, "I don't even smoke pot either." Chong said, "What? You don't smoke pot?! Why not?" My girlfriend said, "We're straight edge." He looked confused and said, "You're Swedish?"

Cheech and Chong will bring their reunion tour to Copley Symphony Hall on November 28.

— Iosh Board

Pete Surfs Twenty-five years ago today (8/14/83), Peter Gabriel performed at SDSU's outdoor

GAY

I **dig** this∀a **dude** can

EAT ALONE ..

PLACE.

amphitheatre with the Call as opening act.

Though battling marital problems and dealing with financial trouble due to his failed Womad festival, Gabriel pulled off a set that I cited for years as the best concert I'd ever seen. During one

song, Gabriel approached the front of the stage, turned his back to the crowd, and fell backward into the audience, not even looking to see if he'd be caught (he was). Then he was passed around by the uplifted arms of audience members, traveling the entire width and length of the amphitheater infield before being returned to the front of the stage.

At one point, Gabriel passed directly over my girlfriend and me. I could see he was wearing no shoes and only one sock, which hung loosely three-quarters of the way off his foot. As I noticed this, my girlfriend reached up and yanked the sock off his

foot! Gabriel's face being turned upward, I did not see his reaction.

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JAY ALLEN SANFORD

...AND *5TA*!

ALONE!



BAD MAKEUP AND FUNKY FEET (GABRIEL, 1983)

My reaction was to scold her: "What the hell?!" During my time with her, she never looked so happy and satisfied as she did when holding on to that sock.

Whenever I think of this concert, I always think of Peter Gabriel's sock, which I made my girlfriend keep in her purse on the way home so as not to stink up the car (it was pretty funky).

— Jay Allen Sanford

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This Week In Music

Thursday 14

Sixties surf cats the **Tornadoes** blow into Belly Up tonight. On and off for the past 48 years, the quartet's been slinging it live and "Bustin' Surfboards" — their seminal hit from 1962. The Surf Music Hall-of-Famers toured with the Beach Boys, recorded with Zappa, and colored in the platinum *Pulp Fiction* soundtrack. Traveling band **Never So Few** has settled in Rancho Santa Fe. Never heard of them, but they head-line....

XIU XIU AT CASBAH

throwbacks? How about "Aqualung" Jethro Tull? Ian Anderson rocks his, uh, flute at Harrah's...and covers crooner **Joe Cocker** gets a little help from his friends at Humphrey's.... Night of norteño at Bar Pink with Julian Briano y Sus Hermanos. The TJ quartet split a Vinvl Communications 7' with RFTC in 1998. You got that one?.... Dance Till Dawn when Bellingham, WA, psych-surf quartet the All Nighters dial it in at Radio Room (formerly Zombie Lounge). Give a listen to their KCR in-studio today at 4p for a preview.... Calico Horse turns its Mirror on a Casbah crowd. The Banter Records debut smacks of half-baked Cat Power with Edith Frosting. That's kind of a compliment, as are odd-pop acts Swim Party and **Colorstore** (Phx), which open the sets.. Product placement: the Cricket's got your ticket for the 91X and Monster Drink Vans Warped Tour '08

Friday 15

today, staging power-pop acts Rise Against, Angels &

Airwaves, Against Me,

etcet etcet.

Gig to get to Friday night is **Xiu Xiu** and **Fantastic Magic**, which turn tricks at Casbah. Xiu Xiu (shoe-shoe) is a Bay Area

band touring behind their eighth studio release, Women as Lovers. The trio plays spare, experimental pop, and frontman Jamie Stewart pens poetic, sexually tense tunes. Check their Space page before ordering; the Xius are an acquired taste. Fantastic Magic is a local trio that plays baroque (ba-roke) folk. Again, get to their Space page. Carla Bozulich opens.... Ché Café releases the gnomes. This year's Gnomes Gone Wild Fest starts tonight with Japandi, Mister Valentine (reunion show),

Mister Valentine (reunion show),
Alexander T. Kent, Snuffaluffagus,
and Census. Saturday night's the night,
though, with Weatherbox, the
Lanterns, BoomSnake, Crooks, and
Fever Sleeves.... La Habra nu-punk
quintet Zebrahead gallops into House
of Blues previewing Phoenix. The boys
are on a tour of the world through the

end of the year. Homegrown ska-

punks Buck-O-Nine set the down-

town stage.... Critical Me and One
Big Lie alt-rock O'Connell's.... And if you're
North Parking, lots to choose, with throwback busker Diablo Dimes at Bar Pink....
Power-poppers Apes of Wrath at the
Ken.... Folkies Blackout Party and
GrampaDrew make a Whistle Stop stop....
And alt-rockers Scribe Amidst the Lions

Saturday 16

CIRCLE JERKS AT HOUSE OF BLUES

check in at Radio Room.

Hermosa Beach hardcores the **Circle Jerks** must dig the pit at House of Blues, cuz they're baaa-ack. Keith and krew are "currently assembling a record and deal," their seventh in 30 years (skate slackers).

In the mean, check out '05's Live at the House of Blues CD/DVD. It's like a "best of" and it's got the Jerks doing what they do, straight up mosh-makers....

Ilya's at Casbah Saturday night. Ain't seen or heard the local ambients, but Mendoza calls the quartet "one of the essential bands" this decade.

Emery Bird and the Crocodiles set the

bands" this decade.
Emery Bird and the
Crocodiles set the
stage.... Else: Modlins
pop-rock the Radio
Room.... Beauty Bar
books boogie bands
Spindrift and Jamuel
Saxon.... And
Inglewood gangsta rapper Mack 10 hits
4th&B.



THE DUTCHESS AND THE DUKE AT BAR PINK

Sunday 17

The Dutchess and the Duke grace the Bar Pink stage Sunday night behind Hardly Art debut She's the Dutchess, He's the Duke, a collection of "wimpy folk tunes," according to the duo of Kimberly Morrison and Jesse Lortz, both punk-rock vets from the Seattle scene. Tennessee troubadour James Jackson Toth headlines.... House party! Two shows at House of Blues Sunday features "Lost '80s" groups Dramarama, Gene Loves Jezebel, When in Rome, and Real Life on the main stage and Matt Pryor and Chris Conley upstairs.... Brooklyn experimental trio the Zs book a twofer at Radio Room Sunday and Monday nights. Thin Man and the Crocodiles in support Sunday, Upsilon Acrux and Secret Fun Club on Monday.... Austin bluesman Seth Walker sits in at Anthology.... While rockabilly boys the Stilettos strut into Beauty Bar.

Monday 18

Anti-Monday meet-up at Casbah bills a CD-release for **War Stories**, with **Desert Diamonds**, the **Displaced**, and **Howls**.... Here's a cause that'll make you pause: "Heat is On" at Belly Up when local firefighters don the tap shoes and hit the boards with the folks from Tap Fever Studios. Proceeds to SD Fire and Rescue.... More heat at Humphrey's with them French flamencos the **Gipsy Kings**.

Tuesday 19

Hear "the low spark of high-heeled boys" when **Steve Winwood** steps onto Humphrey's stage Tuesday night. After Traffic, the British multi-instrumentalist/singer kicked off a solo career that's in its 30th year. Winwood is out to tout his latest, *Nine Lives....* **Edwin McCain** pays a visit to House of Blues behind

Nobody's Fault but Mine, a new collection that finds the alt-rocker getting all singer/ songwriterly.... Local indie kids Wendy Darling do a CD-release thing at Casbah. With the Fascination



STEVE WINWOOD AT HUMPHREY'S

and the **Predicates**....

Chasers nabs El Paso pop group the **Royalty** as they tour their s/t debut. The **Shake Up** and **Minor Keys** share the bill.

Wednesday 20

Jazz-n-pop man **Steve Tyrell** gets *Back to Bacharach* when he opens four nights at Anthology Wednesday night. Dude was on the "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head" sessions.... **Franklin Lounge**, **Chris Torres**, and **Sky Held Sun** shine on Belly Up. Franklin Lounge boasts that they play both country AND western. They also do bluegrass covers of Prince and Lionel Richie. Uh-huh.... Metal mayhem at Casbah with the **Saviours**, **Archons**, and **Hostile Combover**. Check the Space takes from Saviours' *Into Abaddon* — "raw animal lust".... Disco diva **Donna Summer** leaves the cake out in the rain at MacArthur Park...make that Viejas Concerts in the Park.

— Barnaby Monk









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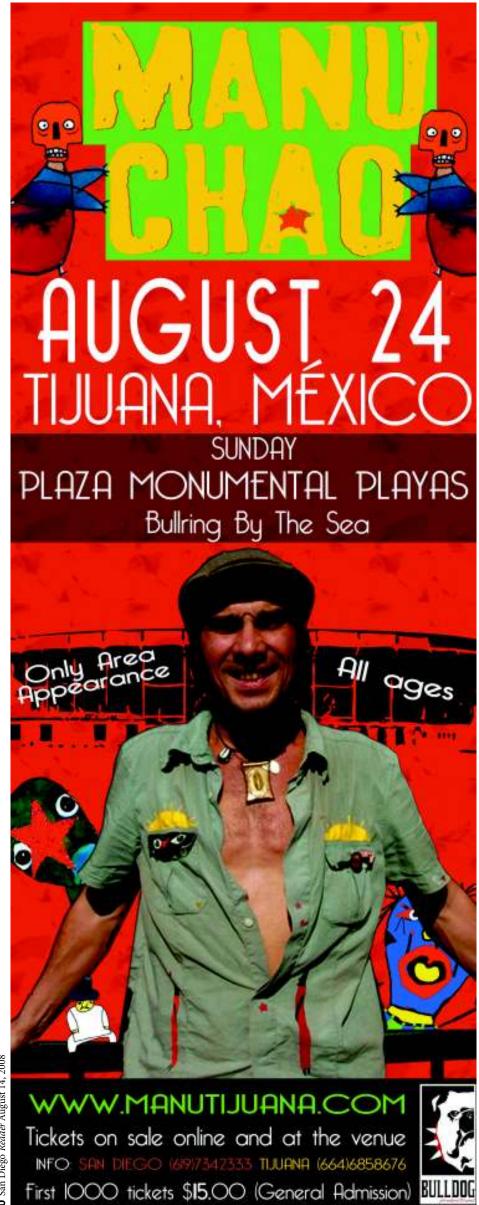
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Saturday, 9:30 p.m. — The Gold Dust Band. Covers country and classic rock.

4th & B: 345 B Street, Downtown, 619-231-4343. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. — Mack 10. Rap/hip-hop. \$25.

710 Beach Club: 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.

Saturday - Dazed & Confused. A tribute to Led Zeppelin. E.X.P. also performs a tribute to Jimi Hendrix.

Air Conditioned Lounge: 4673 30th Street, Normal Heights, 619-501-9831.

Thursday, 9 p.m. — Boombox Thursdays. With DJs Edgartronic, Groundfloor, and guests.

Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Dwele. Soul/R&B/jazz. \$22. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

— Michael Ward. Jazz/funk. \$15-Sunday, 7:30 p.m. — Seth Walker.

Blues/soul. \$18. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. — Bridget Brigitte, Cynthia Hammond, Steven Ybarra. With Lindsey Yung and Candice Graham. Acoustic/pop/soul. \$14. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. — Steve Tyrell. Jazz. \$36-\$45.

Avalon Arts and Cultural Center: 3925 Ohio Street, North Park, 858-254-8376. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — Doug McCarron and Matt Shoaf.

Bahia Resort Hotel: 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach, 858-488-0551.

Acoustic/world, \$5.

Friday, 6 p.m. — Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind. With Iim Lair and Warren Bryant. Contemporary jazz/global music.

Bar Leucadian: 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-2094.

Friday, 9 p.m. — Hear No Evil.

Barefoot Bar and Grill: 1404 Vacation Road, Mission Beach, 858-581-5960

Saturday, 1 p.m. — Charlie Imes. CD-release show with the Hodad Surf Club Band. Acoustic/jazz/pop.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.

Thursday, 8 p.m. — Never So Few and the Tornadoes. Surf/rock. \$5. Friday, 9 p.m. — Rub-A-Dub Friday. Live reggae music. \$5. Saturday, 9 p.m. — The B-Side Players. With Buyepongo Latin/reggae/soul. \$14-\$16.

Sunday, 8 p.m. — Orquesta Primo. Latin/mariachi/Tejano. \$10. Wednesday, 9 p.m. — Franklin Lounge and Sky Held Sun. With Chris Torres

Alternative/soul/country. \$8.

Birch Aquarium at Scripps: 2300 Expedition Way, La Jolla, 858-534-FISH.

Wednesday, 6 p.m. — Shawn Mullins. Singer-songwriter for Green Flash concert series. Tickets include concert, aquarium viewing. Food for sale from Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery. Reservations: 858-534-4109. \$20-\$25. Ages 21 and up.

Birch North Park Theatre:

2891 University Ave, North Park, 619-239-8836.

Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Jazz at SummerFest. Jacques Loussier Trio in concert hosted by La Jolla Music Society. Reservations: 858-459-3728. \$15-\$50.

Bird Park: 28th and Thorn Streets, North Park. Saturday, 5:30 p.m. — The Hayriders. Rockabilly, roots, Americana for summer concert series, 619-923-2979.

Bistro D'Vine: 3709 Avocado Road, Rancho San Diego, 619-660-2222.

Thursday, 6 p.m. — David Burnett.

The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300.

Thursday, 9 p.m. — Yesterday's Papers and Lessons from Zeke. Alternative rock. Sunday, 9 p.m. - Lord L.B" Tuesday, 10 p.m. — Radiostar. Eighties new-wave rock. Wednesday, 10 p.m. — Maddox Revolution. Pop/rock/jazz.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. Thursday, 8 p.m. — Rhythm & the Method and Roxy Blue. With Save



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Indie/pop/rock. \$5. Cafe Lamaze: 1441 Highland Avenue, National City, 619-474-3222.

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Fridays and Saturdays, 7 p.m. -The Sandy Chappel Quartet. With Burnett Anderson, Robert Sebastian, and Hank Young. Standards/jazz/blues. Sundays, 7:30 p.m. — Burnett's Bliss. With Robert Sebastian and Scott Wallingford. Jazz/standards/blues

Calavera Hills Park: 2997 Glasgow Drive, Carlsbad. Friday, 6 p.m. — Luna Llena. Cuban salsa served up for TGIF Jazz in the Parks series. 760-434-

Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk,

Mission Beach, 858-488-1780. Thursday, 8 p.m. — Thumtac, JayWat, Anti Citizen. With the Vokab Kompany, Clay Pigeons, and Formula Abstract. Hiphop/rap/funk. \$5-\$7. Friday, 9 p.m. — Lights, Jumping Jack Flash, Springsteen. Cover bands. \$10-\$12. Saturday, 1 p.m. — Vice-Vice Baby

Benefit. With Mike Pinto, Hi-

Bushwalla, and Ou'est-ce Oue C'est. Proceeds will benefit the Stay Classy for Solar Schools Campaign. Reggae/rock/indie. \$7-\$5. Saturday — The Scientist and Lambs Blood. With Lloyd Hemmings and Nekter. Reggae/dub/roots. Sunday, 2 p.m. — Project: Out of Bounds. Hip-hop/reggae/rock. Tuesday, 9 p.m. — Michael Palmer and Lambs Blood. With Jah Roots Hi Fi. Reggae/roots/Latin. \$15. Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Inhale and Irie Creations. With Revival and L.O.T.B" Reggae/rock. \$10-\$12.

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Carmel Valley Library: 3919 Townsgate Drive, Carmel Valley, 858-552-1668.

Wednesday, 7 p.m. — Chase Morrin, Original compositions and jazz standards. 858-522-1668.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355

Thursday, 8:30 p.m. — Calico Horse, Colorstore, Swim Party. Indie/pop/rock. \$7. Friday, 8:30 p.m. — Xiu Xiu and Carla Bozulich. With Braden Diotte and Fantastic Magic. Experimental/pop. \$10-\$12. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. — Ilva and Crocodiles. With Emery Byrd. Psychedelic/alternative/pop. \$10. Monday, 8:30 p.m. — War Stories. CD-release show with the Displaced and the Howls. Indie/alternative/rock. \$7. Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. — Wendy Darling. CD-release show with the Fascination and the Predicates. Indie/pop/rock. \$5. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. — Saviours and Archons. With Hostile Comb-Over. Garage/metal/punk. \$10.

Chasers Cocktail Lounge:

3615 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-280-9379. Tuesday, 9 p.m. — The Minor

Keys, the Royalty, the Shake Ups. Rock/pop.

Chateau Orleans: 926 Turquoise Street (near Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. Friday, 6:15 p.m. — Robin Henkel. Blues/jazz guitarist.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Drive, B-0323C, La Jolla, 858-534-2311. Thursday, 6 p.m. — Mister Valentine. Reunion show with Japandi, Alexander T. Kent. Snuffaluffagus, and Census. Indie rock/pop/folk. \$10. Friday, 6 p.m. — Weatherbox, Lanterns, BoomSnake, With the Crooks and Fever Sleeves. Indie rock/pop. \$10.

Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.

Thursday, noon - Vans Warped Tour. \$24.

Croce's: 802 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-4355. Thursday, 8 p.m. — Pocket. Soul/funk/jazz, \$5.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-

Friday, Saturday - Nemesis. Classic rock/metal/grunge.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. — Fran Hartshorn. With Gilbert Castellanos. Jazz. \$8-\$10. Friday, 8 p.m. — Peter Sprague and Kevyn Lattau. CD-release show. Jazz, \$15.

Saturday, 8 p.m. — The Powerhouse Quintet. With Steve Feierabend, Bim Strasberg, Bryant Allard, John Opferkuch, and Tim McMahon. Jazz. \$15.

Monday, 7 p.m. — The Jazz Ensemble. CD-release show. \$10. Tuesday, 7 p.m. — Kiefer Shackelford & His Trio. Jazz. \$10.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — Lynn Willard, Danny Weller, Dylan Savage. Latin jazz. \$10.

El Caion Library: 201 East Douglas Avenue, El Cajon, 619-588-3718. Saturday, 1 p.m. — Live Jazz.

Embarcadero Marina Park South: 206 Marina Park Way, Downtown.

Friday, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 p.m. — "Broadway Here and Now." Songs from *Hairspray*, Mama Mia, The Wiz, Spamalot, Les Miserables, others may be heard when Randall Craig Fleischer conducts San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concert. Evenings conclude with fireworks. 619-235-0804. \$15-\$75.

Encinitas Library: 540 Cornish Drive, Encinitas.

Sunday, 2 p.m. — Peter Sprague and Jennifer Lee. Jazz benefit for Tierra Miguel. 760-742-4213.

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-

Friday, 7 p.m. — The Variety Show and Silent Armada. With the Authors Notes. Pop/rock/electro.

Fannie's Nightclub: 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-698-2204. Thursdays — Fuzz-Huzzi.

Alternative/pop/punk. Friday — Stem. Classic rock. Saturday — The Bulldogs. Covers/standards.

Jazz.

The Flying Bridge: 1105 North Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-1151. Friday, 7 p.m. — Sounds Perfect.

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George's on Fifth: 835 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-0444. Fridays and Saturdays, 6:30 p.m. — Peter the Prince of Piano. Piano/pop.

The Handlery Hotel and Resort: 950 Hotel Circle North, Mission Valley, 619-298-0511. Friday, 8 p.m. — Christopher Dale. Acoustic/pop/rock. Sunday, 12:30 p.m. — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds. Blues/soul/rock. Wednesday, 5 p.m. — Christopher Dale. Acoustic/pop/rock.

Hennessey's Tavern -Gaslamp: 708 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-9994 Sundays, 3 p.m. — The Bill Shreeve

Duo. Jazz. Wednesday, 9 p.m. — Brooklyn & Bradley. Covers/acoustic/rock.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583. *Thursday* — Charlie Zaa. Latin. Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Zebrahead and Buck-O-Nine. Pop/punk/ska. \$12. Friday, 6:30 p.m. — Janelle Monae. Alternative/soul/R&B. \$8. Saturday, 7 p.m. — The Circle Jerks, Hardcore punk, \$12. Sunday, 6:30 p.m. — Dramarama. With Gene Loves Jezebel, When in

Rome, and more. Alternative rock/pop/electro. \$22-\$42. Sunday, 7 p.m. — Matt Pryor and Chris Conley. With Ryan Ferguson. Indie/pop/rock. \$12. Tuesday, 7 p.m. — Toots & the Maytals. Reggae/ska/R&B. Tuesday, 7 p.m. — A Billy Joel Tribute Show, \$9-\$12. Tuesday, 7 p.m. — Edwin McCain. Acoustic/rock/soul.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island

Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577. Thursday, 9:30 p.m. — The Soul Persuaders. Sweet soul music. \$5. Friday, 9:30 p.m. — Detroit Underground. Covers Motown and dance hits. \$12.

Saturday, 9:30 p.m. — Viva Santana. A tribute to Carlos Santana. \$12.

Saturday, 6 p.m. — West of 5. Covers classic to modern rock. \$5. Sunday, 8 p.m. — Bradley Leighton and Soul Collective. Smooth jazz.

Monday, 9:30 p.m. — Maldonado. Smooth jazz, \$5. Tuesday, 9:30 p.m. - Ruby & the

Red Hots. Blues. \$5. Wednesday, 8 p.m. — The Robin Henkel Band. Blues/funk/jazz. \$5.

Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. — Joe Cocker. Blues/rock/soul. \$75. Friday, 8 p.m. — Tower of Power. Soul/funk/R&B. \$45. *Monday*, 8 p.m. — The Gipsy Kings. Flamenco/rumba. \$115.

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BY DAVE GOOD

Mr. Furia explains that in Barcelona, an invitation to dinner before nine in the evening is considered early. This is in response to my question about Spain's late-night club scene.

'Our daily clock," he says, "is set forward." Mr. Furia is somewhere near the Canadian border speaking on his cell phone. "So, if you have dinner at 10, and then coffee, you won't be finished until around midnight." He says that's why many Barcelona nightclubs won't even open their doors until around one in the morning. "They stay open until 5:30, but in other parts of Spain there are lots of clubs that stay open until 8 or 9 in the morning." I ask if this is considered after-hours. "Yes," he says, "but there are some clubs that stay open nonstop

through the weekend."

The music that Mr. Furia makes with **Professor** Manso is upbeat party music. Together they are the Pinker Tones, a Barcelona duo. Furia (Salvador Rey) and Manso (Alex Llovet) have been called "electronic-Latin freaks from Barcelona." Their sound is electronica interspersed with remixes and horny club thumpers sung in four or five different languages.

I remember a story from a while back about how Furia and Manso, both city boys, had built a new studio

in the woods. They called it Pinkertown 2 and named the first album they produced there Wild Animals. When I ask about their influences, Mr. Furia invokes a German concept to explain that their music is more than their influences.

"It is a matter of weltanschauung." he says. "What the Germans refer to as one's way of looking at the world." Mr. Furia also says that with the Pinker Tones he wanted

TONES out of the musical box that other bands had kept him in stylistically. "In the words of Duke Ellington, there's only two kinds of music -

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good, and bad," he paraphrases, "and the good comes from weltanschauung. PINKER TONES, Cricket Wireless



Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. — Steve Winwood. Rock/blues/soul. \$65. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — Hootie & the Blowfish. Alternative/pop/rock.

Island Sports and Spirits: 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-3456.

Friday, 9 p.m. — Misty & the Mobys. Covers/standards/rock. Janie's Cocktails: 656 E Street,

Friday and Saturday, 8:45 p.m. — LySDexia. Classic rock.

Java Jones: 631 Ninth Avenue, Downtown.

Friday, 7 p.m. — Inigo Figuracion and Ron Greitzer. With the Jon

Garner Trio. Acoustic/covers/standards.

Jimmy Love's: 672 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-595-0123. Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. — The Soul

Revue. Jazz, dance, and top 40. The Jumping Turtle: 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos, 760741-7778. Saturday - Roots Run Deep and Latitude 33. Reggae Camouflage party presented by Clear Onyx

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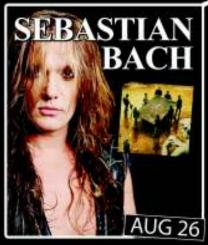
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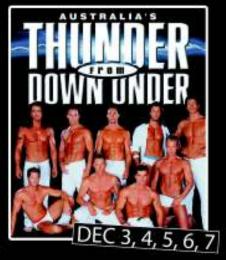
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Diego Concert Jazz Band. Contemporary jazz.

The Kraken: 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-

Thursday — Chill Boy.
Fridays — The Blues Brokers. Blues/soul/rock. Saturday - Ghost Riders and Blue

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La Valencia Hotel: 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-

0771. Sunday, 6:30 p.m. — Keith Jacobson. Smooth-jazz saxophone.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.

Thursday - Amy Kuney and Miggs. Acoustic/pop/rock. Friday — Courtney Bowden. Sunday, 8 p.m. — The Robin Henkel Band. With Troy Jennings, Dave Castel de Oro, Eric Sider, Rod

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Saturday, 9 p.m. — Willovealot. Smooth-iazz.

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Friday, 7:30 p.m. — The Wrong Trousers, Caleb Jude Green, Astra Kelly. With Gayle Skidmore Acoustic/indie/folk rock. \$5.

Memorial Park Bowl: 373 Park Way, Chula Vista.

Sunday, 5 p.m. — The Scott Martin Band. Latin jazz and blues for "Music in the Park" series. 619-

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-9050. Friday, 9 p.m. — Cory Wilkins. Alternative/rock/blues.





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Larry **McCray** Saturday, 9 p.m. — Lizardfish.

Moonlight Beach: 200 B Street, Encinitas Sunday, 3 p.m. — The Laurie

Morvan Band. End o' summer blues promised for Summer Sunday Concerts by the Sea. Dogs, alcohol, glass, smoking prohibited on beach. 760-633-2740.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub: 1130 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-276-

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The Ozone: 406 Pier View Way, Oceanside, 760-722-2216. Saturday, 4 p.m. — Carrier Signal.

Pasquale on Prospect: 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-456-

Sundays, 6 p.m. — Stage 4.

Patrick's II: 428 F Street, Downtown, 619-233-3077. Thursday — The Bill Magee Blues Band. Blues/soul/rock. Friday - The Nik Simon Band. Blues/rock.

Saturday - Shari Puorto and the Rhythm Addicts. Blues/rock. Sunday - Ronnie Lane & the Twisters Blues/rock Monday --- Nathan James & Ben Hernandez. Roots/acoustic/blues

Tuesday - Len Rainey & the Midnight Players. Blues/jazz/soul. Wednesday — Blue Four. Blues/soul.

Patrick's Irish Pub: 13314 Poway Road, Poway, 858-486-0764. Friday, 9 p.m. — West of 5. Covers

Pete's Place: 8330 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-464-9535. Saturday, 9:30 p.m. — Manganista. Alternative/ska/rock.

Prescott Promenade: 211 1/2 East Main Street, El Cajon. Friday, 6 p.m. — Bill Magee. Blues for Concerts on the Green. 619-401-8858.

Quail Botanical Gardens: 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, 760-436-3036.

Sunday, 5 p.m. -Adrienne Nims and Raggle Taggle. International jazz, Celtic sounds, more for summer jazz concert series. Dinner begins at 5 p.m. (\$45 includes food); concert at 5:45 p.m. (\$22 without dinner). Reservations: 760-436-3036 x206. \$22-\$45.

RT's Longboard Grill: 1466 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-4030. Friday - Aaron Blyth.

Acoustic/folk rock. Saturday — Stepping Feet. A Dave Matthews Band tribute.

Rancho Bernardo Inn: 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8500.

Fridays, 5:30 p.m., Saturdays, 6 p.m. — Jerry Melnick & Tom Bishop. El Bizcocho Restaurant.

Rancho Del Oro Park: Mesa Drive and College Boulevard, Oceanside, 760-435-5041 Thursday, 5:30 p.m. — The Bayou Brothers. Steve Reid opens. Zydeco/blues/R&B. 760-435-5041.

The Red Eye Saloon: 1448 South Mission Road, Fallbrook. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 p.m. — The City Limits Band. Country/classic rock/blues.

Point Loma, 619-255-8635. Saturdays — Live bands every Saturday night. Wednesdays, 9 p.m. - Swing Night. Live swing bands perform.

Riley's: 2901 Nimitz Boulevard,

Robbie's Roadhouse: 530 North Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-634-2365 Friday, 6:30 p.m. — The Gold Dust

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Saturday, 6 p.m. — Adrienne Nims. Contemporary jazz/global music.

Rock Bottom: 401 G Street, Downtown, 619-231-7000. Friday, 10 p.m. — Split Finger.

Rookies Restaurant and Sports Bar: 2216 S. El Camino Real, Oceanside, 760-757-1123. Friday, 9 p.m. — Tribal Seeds. Roots/reggae/rock. \$10.

Rosie O'Grady's: 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-284Tuesdays, 9:30 p.m. — Bdub's Jazz

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The Round Table Cocktail Lounge: 1723 Euclid Avenue, City Heights, 619-264-6000. Tuesdays, 6 p.m. — Charlie Blue.

Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library: 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad.

Sunday, 2 p.m. — Los Pinguos.

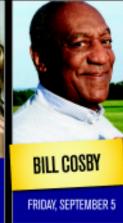
Scripps Park: 1133 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla. Sunday, 2 p.m. — Benny Hollman's Big-Band Explosion. Big-band jazz for La Jolla Concerts by the Sea. 858-454-1600.

Seaport Village: 849 West Harbor Drive, Downtown. Sunday, 1 p.m. — The Cat-illacs.

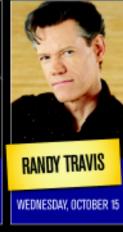
















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Sevilla: 555 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-5979. Thursday — BombaChante. Salsa/Latin.

Sunday — Orquesta Salsa Caliente. Salsa.

Mondays, 9 p.m. - Rock en Español.

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September 26 — Three 6 Mafia. September 27 — Boogie Nights. October 1 — Gogol Bordello. November 1 — Rose Royce.

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August 30 — Dave Mason. September 3 — Sadao Watanabe. September 6, September 7 — Strunz & Farah.

September 9 — Rockola. September 10 — Tim Finn September 12, September 13 —

Larry Corvell. September 19 — Hiroshima. September 23 — Solas.

September 24, September 25 — The Average White Band. September 26 — The Eve Selis

Band. September 27 — Livingston Taylor.

October 2 — Stephen Kellogg & the October 3, October 4 — Stanley

Jordan. October 7, October 8 — Acoustic

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October 17 - Paul Brown's Guitar

October 18 — The Subdudes October 24 - Steve Poltz.

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Balboa Park Club: 2150 Pan American Road West, Balboa Park. August 23 — Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing Orchestra.



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Carla Bozulich is probably best known as the leader of 1990s band the Geraldine Fibbers, who played a sprawling, majestic, cathartic kind of music that could hardly be contained by as humble a term as alt-country, the label commonly used to describe the band.

Bozulich has been performing and recording in a variety of styles and incarnations since she was a teenager in the early '80s. She did post-punk with Neon Vein, industrial music with Ethyl Meatplow, and experimental music with Scarnella and on her own, and she's scored soundtracks for film and theater. She's also built up an impressive list of collaborators. including — to name just a few - Nels Cline (once a member of the Geraldine Fibbers and Scarnella, now of Wilco). Thurston Moore. Mike Watt, Lydia Lunch, and avant-garde drummer Scott Amendola. When Bozulich recorded her first solo album, a song-for-song tribute to Willie Nelson's Red Headed Stranger, Nelson himself joined her.

Through all her work. the one constant has been Bozulich's voice — a rough, gruff sound that's equally effective at conveying rage,

August 22 - Rub-A-Dub Fridav.

August 23 — Cash'd Out.

August 24 — Joshua Radin

August 25 — Matthew Sweet.

August 27 — The Desert Rose

August 29 — Rub-A-Dub Friday.

August 31 — The Dirty Dozen

September 2 — Lee "Scratch" Perry.

September 5, September 6 — Super

September 8 — Alejandro Escovedo.

September 11 — I.I. Grev & Mofro.

August 28 — Patty Griffin.

August 30 — Metal Snake.

September 4 — Amos Lee.

September 9 — The Toadies.

September 12 — The Pine

Band.

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August 26 — Los Amigos Invisibles.

hurt, and tenderness. In fact, the three kind of go together: When Bozulich lets loose with a fiery wail, she sometimes sounds as if she's about to blow out her vocal cords in a spray of blood, and something about her makes you want to make sure she's okay. I once saw a Fibbers show where she had so strained her voice that she couldn't hit the

CARLA high notes. A member of the audience — a man, it turned out - stepped up and volunteered to help her out. It worked out just fine. Xiu Xiu also performs.

> CARLA BOZULICH. The Casbah. Friday. August 15, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$10 ance; \$12 door.

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September 14, September 15 — Digable Planets.

September 17 — Aesop Rock and Rob Sonic.

September 23 - Railroad Earth. September 24 — Okkervil River.

September 25 — Bootsy Collins. September 27 — Common Sense and LA 5.

September 28 — Greg Brown and Bo Ramsey.

September 30 — Johnny Winter. October 1 — The Dandy Warhols. October 2 — The Black Lips and Grand Ole Party.

October 3 - Dr. John & the Lower

October 4 — The Tommy Castro Band and Magic Dick.

October 5 — John Brown's Body.

October 6 - Nick Lowe and Paul

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October 12 - Jolie Holland.

October 15 — Lotus.

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October 25 — Atomic Punks.

October 27 - Sonya Kitchell & the

October 28 — The Mountain Goats

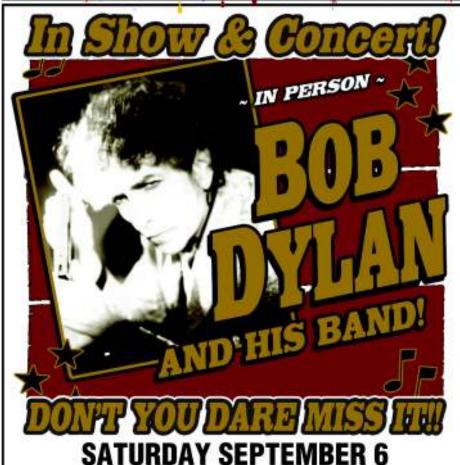
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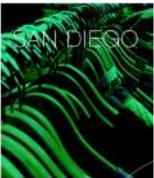
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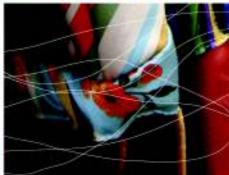












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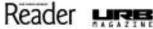
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August 27 — Maddox Revolution. August 28 — New Colossus and Dreamtiger.

September 25 — Carrier Signal.

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September 25 — Grupo Niche.

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August 24 — Frank Marino & Mahogany Rush. August 27 — Kings X and Given

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August 22 — Katchafire and

August 24 — Tomorrow's Bad Seeds.

August 27 — Ben Johnston. August 28 — The Melvins and Big

Business. August 29 - Stranger, High Tide,

August 30 - Little Brother and Wylde Bunch.

August 31 — Atomic Punks. September 4 — The Theory of Funkativity.

September 5 — Guttermouth and

September 6 — Cash'd Out. September 11 — Ekolu.

September 13 — The B-Side Players

and Agua Dulce. September 17 — Thriving Ivory and

Glacier Hiking.

September 20 — Tainted Love. September 26 — Sprung Monkey and Mower.

October 3 — The Aggrolites and Dirty Heads.

October 9 — NaCalifa.

October 11 — Andre Nickatina. October 17 — Iration and B

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October 24 — Lights.

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August 23 — Beachwood Sparks.

August 24 — El Vez. August 25 - Buddy Akai and Head

Like a Kite. August 26 — Circa Now and

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August 27 — HiFi Colossi and the Littlest Viking.

August 28 — Kill Me Tomorrow and Max Fields.

August 29 - Neil Halstead and Miranda Lee Richards.

August 29 — Get Back Loretta and BoomSnake.

August 30 — Polvo and Trans Am. August 31 — Manual Scan and Self-Made Men.

September 1 — Southern Culture on the Skids.

September 3 — The Wombats and Pop Noir.

September 5 — Transfer, Calico Horse, Swim Party.

September 6 — Witch and Earthless.

September 9 — Bodies of Water and Throw Me the Statue.

September 10 - Tom Baxter and Charlie Winston.

September 17 — Dr. Dog, Delta Spirit, Hacienda

September 18 — The Wedding Present.

September 19 — Liam Finn and the

Veils. September 20 - Cash'd Out. September 21 — Miles Hunt,

Wayne Hussey, Lisa Dewey. September 23 - Silver Jews and James Jackson Toth.

September 25 — Federico Aubele and Natalie Clavier. September 26 — The Black Heart September 27 — TSOL and the

September 28 — Ra Ra Riot and Walter Meego

October 5 — The People under the Stairs.

October 8 - Margot & the Nuclean

So and So's. October 9 - Quintron & Ms.

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October 10 - Bang Camaro. October 14 — The Rumble Strips

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October 17 — Born Ruffians. October 18 - Chinese Stars and the Long & Short of It.

October 19 - Polysics.

October 20 — Brightblack Morning Light.

October 30 — Ted Leo & Pharmacists.

November 2 — Chuck Ragan, Tom Gabel, Ben Nichols, Tim Barry. November 4 — Magnetic Morning

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November 15 — Mudhoney. November 28 — Deerhunter.

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James Rabbit, Da Bears. August 29 — Matt & Kim and Best

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September 9 — Ceremony and Poverty Bay Saints

September 13 - Rat City Riot and Northern Towns.

September 20 — These Arms Are

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What's your favorite moment in "Don't Rush"?

Amber Ojeda: The hook is my favorite part of the song. It reminds me to stay grounded and stop stressing out!

Do you think there's anything missing from the song?

Hmmm... Whenever I finish a song and listen back, I can always pick out a million things I could have done different. However, I am pleased with the choices that were made. My overall expectation for this song was to relax, and I feel it accomplishes that.

What experiences led you to write it?

Everyday experiences, life and its effect on my psyche. I have the tendency to try and carry the weight of the world on my shoulders. This song was a very therapeutic exercise for me.

What do the lyrics mean to you? What are you trying to express?

Overall, the lyrics are emphasizing the importance in not sweating the small stuff and looking forward to the bigger picture. Life does not have to be that intense, you know?

What do you want people to understand about the song?



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August 24 — Coastal Communities Concert Band.

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Cox Arena: 550 Campanile Drive, College Area, 619-594-6947. September 12 — Alejandro

November 25 - New Kids on the

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August 24 — The Chris Klich Jazz

Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre: 2050

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August 22 — The Dave Matthews

August 27 — Radiohead. August 30 — Jack Johnson.

September 12 - Old School End of Summer Jam. September 13 — Counting Crows

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October 16 — Jimmy Buffet

Del Mar Thoroughbred Club: 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard Del Mar, 858-755-1141.

August 22 — Black Francis. August 29 — Steel Pulse. August 30 — Devo. September 3 — The English Beat.

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Dream Street Live: 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-8131. August 23 - John January & the

August 31 — Satoko Fujii ma-do.

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September 14 — Black Rebel

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September 22 — Lila Downs.

October 1 — Lagwagon and MxPx. October 3 — James.

October 4 — Mindless Self

Indulgence. October 16 — Jorge Celedón &

Jimmy Zambrano

October 17 — Led Zepagain. October 19 - Streetlight Manifesto.

October 20 - Tech N9ne

October 21 — VNV Nation.

October 25 — Bayside.

November 1 — The Damned.

November 12 — Joe Satriani.

January 25 — Ramon Ayala.

February 7 — Badfish.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577. August 21 — The Buick Wilson

August 22 — Rising Star.

August 23 — Dennis Jones.

August 29 — Rockola.

September 20 — Federal Funk.

Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.

September 4 — Lucinda Williams.

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Wed Aug 27th

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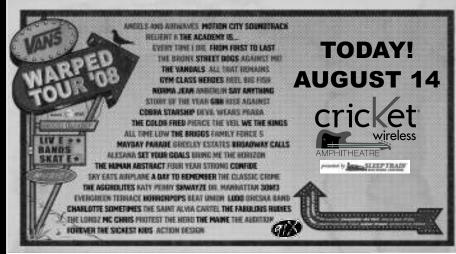


















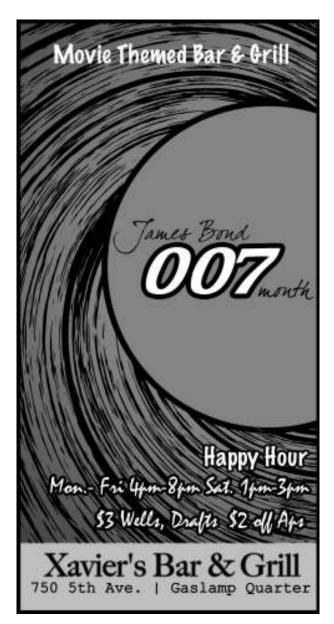
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September 12 — The Alan Parsons Live Project. September 13 — Air Supply and

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Buckingham. September 21 — Musiq Soulchild.

September 25 — Kenny G. September 28 — Etta James & the

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August 29 — West of 5.

The Jumping Turtle: 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos, 760-741-7778.

August 21 — Angelic Dimension, Trips, Jason Getz.

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August 21 — 3 EZ Pieces. August 22 — Live Wire.

August 23 — Ghost Riders and Rock Kandy.

August 27 — Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors.

August 28 — Chill Boy. August 30 - Ghost Riders and the

Travel Agents. August 30 — Stevi Lynn & Triple Threat.

October 4 — The Farmers

Mandeville Auditorium at

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August 22 - Fiffin Market, Pullman Standard, Aaron Bowen.

O'Harleys Sports Bar & Grill: 13437 Community Road, Poway, 858-486-7422. September 13 - Mariner.

Open Air Theatre at 5500 Campanile Drive, College Area, 619-594-6947. September 6 — Slightly Stoopid and

September 24 — The Raconteurs. September 25 — My Morning Jacket.

Pepper.

October 2 — The Mars Volta. October 31 — Jason Mraz.

The Ozone: 406 Pier View Way, Oceanside, 760-722-2216. August 30 — Carrier Signal.

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August 27 — John Fogerty. August 28 — Poison. September 13 — JACKfest II

Undercover. September 17 — Kid Rock. September 21 — Ana Gabriel. September 27 — Anita Baker.

October 8 — Smokey Robinson.

Patrick's II: 428 F Street. Downtown, 619-233-3077. August 21 — The Road Dogs. August 22 — Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz.

August 23 — Family Style. August 24, August 25 — The Bayou Brothers.

August 26 — Blue Largo. August 27 — Shelle Blue.

August 28 — The Bill Magee Blues Band.

August 29 — Missy Andersen. August 30 - Soul Diego. August 31 — 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band.

Petco Park: 100 Park Boulevard, Downtown, 619-795-5000. November 4 — Madonna.

Pete's Place: 8330 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-464-9535. *August 30* — The Farmers.

Pine Avenue Park: 3205 Harding Street, Carlsbad, 760-602-

September 21 — Cowboy Jack.

Pounders: 125 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-739-1288. September 13 — Hear No Evil.

Powav Center for the Performing Arts: 15498 Espola Road, Poway, 858-748-0505. September 15 — Judy Collins and Leo Kottke.

Prescott Promenade: 211 1/2 East Main Street, El Cajon. August 22 — The Coolrays. August 29 — The Variations. September 5 — The Mar Dels.

Qualcomm Stadium: 9449 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-

September 6 — Bob Dylan & His

October 24 — Great White.

RT's Longboard Grill: 1466 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-4030.

August 22 — Da Groove. August 23 — 6one9.

August 30 — The Jones Revival. Riley's: 2901 Nimitz Boulevard,

Point Loma, 619-255-8635. September 13 — Federal Funk

San Diego Civic Theatre: 1100 Third Avenue, Downtown, 858-570-1100.

November 10 - Alanis Morissette.

San Diego Harley-Davidson: 5600 Kearny Mesa Road, Kearny Mesa, 858-616-6999. September 6 — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies.

San Diego Sports Arena: 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-224-4171.

September 20 — Janet Jackson. September 26 — Playhouse Disney Live!.

October 5 - Panic at the Disco and Dashboard Confessional October 7 — Neil Diamond. November 8 — Carrie Underwood. December 1 — Celtic Thunder.

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Magdalena, Encinitas. August 30 — Caji and Salomé. September 6 — Peggy Watson.
September 20 — Peter Sprague and Fred Benedetti. September 27 — "Tribute to Woody Guthrie."

Scottish Rite Center: 1895 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-297-0397. September 6 — The Music of Sri Chinmoy

Scripps Park: 1133 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla. August 24 - Yavaz. August 31 — The Heroes.

Seaport Village: 849 West Harbor Drive, Downtown. August 24 — The Bayou Brothers. August 31 — Nova September 7 — The Bayou Brothers. September 14 — Barbara Jamerson & Two Deep.
September 21 — The Cat-illacs. September 28 — Nova.

Seaside Center for Spiritual Living: 1613 Lake Drive, Encinitas, 760-944-9226. August 23 — Berkley Hart.

Sevilla: 555 Fourth Avenue. Downtown, 619-233-5979. August 21 — Son y Clave. August 24 — Orquesta Primo. August 26 — Charlie Chavez y Su

August 27 — Walter II and Orquesta Rumbanev August 28 — Orquesta Primo.





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September 4 — BombaChante. September 7 — Angel Lebron y Su Sabor Latino.

September 9 — Orquesta 8.8. September 10 — Charlie Chavez v Su Afro Truco.

September 11 — Orquesta Primo. September 14 — Orquesta Salsa Caliente.

September 16 - Walter II and Orquesta Rumbaney.

September 17 — Orquesta Guarare.

September 18 — Son y Clave.

September 21 — BombaChante September 23 — Orquesta Primo.

September 24 — Trece de la Suerte.

September 25 — Orquesta Salsa

Caliente September 28 — Orquesta Primo. September 30 — Charlie Chavez y

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August 22 — Grim Luck, Social Green, Bucket of Fish. August 23 — A Dull Science, Hello

Marquee, Let Live. August 24 — Anthony Green, Good Old War, Person L.

August 28 - Stick to Your Guns and Winds of Plague. August 29 — His Irate Life and

Northwall. August 30 — The RX Bandits and

Portugal. The Man. September 4 — White Chapel and Through the Eyes of the Dead. September 5 — Play the Fox. September 6 — Canobliss and

September 12 — The Rocket Summer and the Secret Handshake. September 13 — Kate Voegele and Virginia Coalition. September 14 — Tyrone Wells, Jason Reeves, Molly Jenson. September 19 — Rancid. September 21 — August Burns Red, a Skylit Drive, Sky Eats Airplane. November 2 — Maylene & the Sons of Disaster.

Spreckels Theatre: 121 roadway, Downtown, 619-235-9500

November 14 — Minus the Bear

October 9 - Sara Bareilles. November 1 — Ray Lamontagne. November 8 — Citizen Cope.

Stage Saloon: 762 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-992-7862. August 23, August 30, September 6, September 13, September 20, September 27 — The Disco Pimps.

Static Lounge: 634 Broadway, Downtown, 619-544-1609.

August 31 - Blu, Miki Vale, Pac-

Swedenborg Hall: 1531 Tyler Avenue, University Heights. September 6, September 7 Amanuel Zarzowski and Brenda X11.

Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre: 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon.

Terra: 3900 Vermont Street, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. August 28 — Robin Henkel

Theatrx: 155 East Grand Avenue Escondido, 760-735-2491. September 19 — The Bill Magee Blues Band. October 17 — Dennis Iones

Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734. August 23 — Pushin Rope. August 26 — Trent Hancock.

August 29 — The Tornado

August 30 — Meld.

Tio Leo's Lounge: 5302 Napa Street, Linda Vista, 619-542-1462. August 22 — The Baja Bugs. October 25 — The Farmers

Turquoise Coffee: 841 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-4778.

August 23 — Inigo Figuracion and

V Lounge: 5000 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400. August 29 - Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak. October 4 — Federal Funk

Valley View Casino: 16300 Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center, 866-843-9946

August 21 — The Jones Revival. August 21 — Sheryl Crow.

August 22 — Liquid Blue. August 22 — Federal Funk.

August 23 — Crush.

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August 31 — Innovation. October 5 - Earth, Wind & Fire. October 15 - Randy Travis.

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Vieias Casino DreamCatcher Show Room: 5000 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400.

August 26 — Sebastian Bach. September 14 — Sister Hazel. November 1 — K-Ci and JoJo. November 7 — The Spinners.

Vision Center for Spiritual Living: 11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta, 619-303-

August 23 — Anton Mizerak and Michael Mandrell.

Water Conservation Garden:

12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West, Cuyamaca College, 619-660-

August 24 — Coral MacFarland Thuet.

Wave House: 3125 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. August 21 — The BoDeans. September 6 — Unwritten Law. September 26 — The Dark Star Orchestra. October 18 - Bob Schneider.

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THE WORM TURNS

by Josh Board

saw a story in an entertainment magazine about how Tara Reid lowered the price she gets for attending parties. She used to ask for \$25,000 to attend a party or grand opening. Nobody was hiring her, so she lowered it to \$10,000. Then it went down to \$5000. And with still no offers, she was down to three grand. What a deal!

One of the cast members of The Hills was on Letterman, and Dave was making fun of the fact that this kid said he won't show up at an event for less than \$100,000.

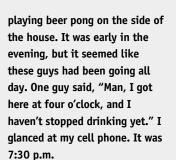
I started thinking, If I could get celebrities to attend parties with me, we could parlay this thing into some serious cash.

I didn't bring an actress to the party I went to in Pacific Beach, but there were times I wished I had brought a firearm. These dudes were scary.

A guy named Eric, who is a doorman at Typhoon Saloon, was having a party with a bunch of bouncers and bartenders from the PB area.

I walked up to a crowd







Top left: Eric "the Worm" in middle; a bouncer on left

a profanity-laced tirade about how much he hates the Lakers, which ended with "Kobe is a rapist. And when a rapist loses,

"Dude, what are you throwing my ass under the bus like that for?"

I walk into the backyard and found Eric. He was wearing a sports jersey. I noticed he had a Boston accent. I said, "You must be happy about the Celtics beating the Lakers." He went on everyone else is a winner."

It was a bizarre rant but hysterical. Even though I hate the Celtics, I bit my tongue.

Eric punched me in the chest and said, "Let me get you

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a beer." I told him I was good.

There was a DJ set up by a stack of kegs. There were a few coolers that were filled with beer. I heard cheering and clapping over at the beer pong, and I made my way back over there. Someone said, "You should've been to the previous party here. We had beer roulette going. We had relays and teams that were color-coordinated. It was awesome."

It looked like the only other game they had going this

night was a horseshoe type of thing with beanbags. A tall African American and a muscular Latino went from playing the game to throwing the beanbags as hard as they could at each other's chests. After a few throws, the black guy covered up his crotch. A woman nearby said, "Smart move."

There was another guy at the party named Eric. I asked him if it's confusing with the other Eric. "Oh, no. He goes by 'Worm.' He even has a tattoo of a worm on his arm." When Worm came over, I asked to see his tattoo. The worm on his arm was burrowing out of an apple. Worm said, "He has a gap in his teeth, just like me. I got the nickname from my brothers. They said I always wormed my way into situations." He punched me in the arm before walking away.

Someone said to me, "Why were you asking so many questions about Worm's brothers and his tattoo? Are you Dr. Phil?" I smiled and said, "I was just curious about the nickname. Dennis Rodman was the only





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other person I knew of that had that nickname."

Another guy said, "He might need Dr. Phil. He and his girlfriend just broke up last week." Worm heard this and ran over. He said, "Dude, what are you throwing my ass under the bus like that for?" My girlfriend leaned in and said, "Don't write that. I think Worm was bummed that that was brought up." I replied, "Hey, he's already over there talking to another cute chick. He's fine."

When I was talking to people earlier, Worm had no problem yelling, "Don't tell him anything. He's with the FBI. That's why he's taking photos and scribbling notes. You're all gonna be busted

I looked over and saw him hug another woman and ask her where she's been. She smiled, and they seemed flirty with each

big guys that were playing cards at the other end of the backyard. One guy looked like a huge Samoan with a ponytail. Since they're bouncers, I asked them the worst situation they've ever had trying to throw someone out. They started to answer but then didn't feel comfortable with me filming and taking

One of the guys playing horseshoes said, "Oh, you're writing about this? Well, don't say that I'm such a bad shot. It's really just because I'm buzzed."

I lit up a cheap cigar, and a few guys asked me if it was a blunt. When I told them that it had no pot in it, they lost interest. A few minutes later, I smelled pot wafting through the air.

I talked to one guy

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One guy approached me and said, "Excuse me. I have to ask that you don't use any photos of me." I told him I wouldn't. Just then, I heard Worm yell from across the yard, "Stay away from that dude. He's with the CIA."

I talked to a bartender who also shapes surfboards. I asked if he had any crazy bartending stories. He said,

"I was working a bar mitzvah and the rabbi came over. He would point at each bottle and say, 'That's not kosher! That's not kosher! We can't have that; it's not kosher.' He wouldn't let me serve any of the alcohols. I basically ended up pouring Sprite and

He told me about places he's surfed and lived all over the world. "When I lived in New York," he said, "I was surfing in 40-degree water. I started to get hypothermia after awhile."

I heard Worm gathering the troops to walk down Grand and hit up a bar. He hit me in the chest and said, "You're going with us, aren't you?" I told him I had a racquetball game, which I did.

It was the first time I showed up at the court with bruises; I usually leave with them. ■

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Unchained Links

Stately, plump Bruce Aidells came from the smoker bearing a bowl in which a sausage and a French roll lay crossed. That was some 30 years ago, and Aidells's original creations were the start of the "artisan sausage" movement in America.

The Linkery is our own homegrown version of Aidells. Their links bespeak no chain restaurant — they're made daily at this quirky, passionate, ecology-minded eatery. The Linkery won such roaring success in the quiet southern reaches of North Park (and even in the major foodie magazines) that after three years it's now moved to larger, nicer quarters in the commercial heart of the neighborhood, a block south of University. The menu has expanded, too. What hasn't changed is the green, slowfood ethos: Nearly everything (including most bread and even the mustard and ketchup) is made from scratch on the premises, from the best possible ingredients provided from local farms, pastures, and waters, whenever possible.

The new headquarters are considerably more spacious and attractive, and while loud, it isn't painfully noisy like the old place (now occupied by Sea Rocket). The best tables on a summer night are along the north side of the building, an indoor-outdoor area open to North Park Way. My posse of five (Sam and harem) arrived when all those tables were taken, so we were seated in an interior room, painted red and rather darkly lighted, with unpadded wooden banquettes, wooden chairs, naked floors and tables — sort of the slow-food ethos in restaurant design, sincere and no-frills.

"I'm Travis, I'll be your server tonight," said a longish-haired young man. The Lynnester, by trade a human-resources pro, quizzed him. He'd been working at the Linkery for only one month. "Most of us are new," he said, "hired for the big expansion when the restaurant moved here." Did he like it? "Oh, yeah. I get free food, free drink, and I can wear whatever I want to work. Not a lot of employers let you do that."

We soon began to suspect that he might be new to waiting as well. Not long after he took our order, a crew of cheerful "runners" brought our appetizers and our entrées from the kitchen — all at once, hot and cold together,



not only cluttering the table but pretty much forcing us to eat entrées first, before they cooled off, and nibble later at the appetizers. Lucky we hadn't ordered dessert yet! Much as I love the

"no tipping/automatic 18 percent" policy (which means no mathematical contortions at bill time), it also means that a server who screws up badly will never

have to ask himself why his tip is low. When Travis later returned to our table, he still had no clue he'd done anything wrong, and we didn't yell at him. (A restaurant manager knew and comped our desserts.)

(So, young Travis, if no one else will train you, I will: Right now, approximately a quarter of a million San Diegans are reading that you blew it. For about the last 300 years, we in the Western world — except for those individuals raised by wolves — have been eating our meals in courses, except when we go out to Korean restaurants. You can tell which course is which by the headings on the menu: The category

called "Market Starters" means dishes to start with. "Mains" means main courses, to follow. Got it now?)

The house-cured meat-plate appetizer includes prosciutto-like air-dried ham, bresaola (air-dried beef), and coppa, all made of naturally raised meats from California family ranches, and all very

good. They come with a little round of addictive house-made fruit paste that combines local organic dates with pistachios and pecans. The international artisan cheese plate offers a blue (Point Reyes), a sheep's-milk Tomme, and a goat Gouda, plus grilled bread and more fruit pâté. With a glass of wine, it would make a fine alternative to dessert. We also tried smoked kingclip, which is a Mexican fish I've never heard of (it tasted rather lean), served with a salad of organic wild greens with something spicy-hot in the dressing. It deserved more attention than any of us could give it under the circumstances.

The Linkery

★★½ (Good to Very Good)

3794 30th Street (at North Park Way), North Park, 619-255-8778, thelinkery.com.

HOURS: Dinner daily, 5:30 p.m.–11:30 p.m. **PRICES:** Salads, starters, sides, \$5.50–\$12.50; entrées, \$9–\$21.50; desserts, \$6.50–\$7.50.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Artisanal "green cuisine" with global flavors, featuring humanely raised small-farm meats (including house-made sausages and charcuterie) paired with local sustainable/organic produce on a daily changing seasonal menu. Wide-ranging, well-priced wines, plenty by the glass; craft beers; soft drinks made with cane sugar (not corn syrup). Corkage \$20.

PICK HITS: House-cured meat plate; super bison Mexi-dog; cochinita pibil; grass-fed ribeye; garden (vegetarian) lasagna; probably the "complete burger," side of green beans.

NEED TO KNOW: No reservations accepted; go early or late for immediate seating. No tipping, but 18 percent service charge added to bill. Totally casual atmosphere. Many barheight tables and chairs unsuitable for wheelchair-users. No kiddie menu, but several kid-friendly dishes. Always at least five lacto-vegetarian entrées, three vegan or veganadaptable. Takeout available; can call ahead and pick up.

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Casual entrées (link plates, tacos, burgers, and franks) occupy most of the left side of the daily menu, while more serious entrées are on the right. Since the menu changes daily, you may not find the same dishes as we ate, but the serious entrées afforded most of our favorites.

Recently, owner Jay Porter was able to find a local source for live free-range kid, but he then ran into trouble trying to get it butchered nearby — the closest licensed facilities are in



RESTAURANTS

L.A. It's off the menu for the moment; instead, there's a fine version of cochinita pibil, a Mavan dish from the Yucatán of shredded pork marinated in citrus juices and roasted in a wrap of banana leaves. Lynne was blown away. "The flavor is fantastic!" she said. Over the years I've sampled this dish numerous times, and it's always been less than I hoped for. (Usually it's too dry, even in its home town of Mérida.) But while I wasn't as thrilled as the Lynnester, I must say, this is the best try yet. It's certainly the moistest, most edible version I've encountered. It comes with tasty tomatoes, pearl barley dressed with a tomato gravy (first time I've ever really liked barley), and a lively salad of organic greenery from local La Milpa Farm.

Grass-fed, totally pastureraised rib-eye (no methaneinspiring corn mash went into that heifer!) is the most expensive dish (\$21.50) and at five ounces is what I'd call a right-sized portion of steak. Cooked rare over a flaming gas grill, it's got beautiful light charring, and the tender meat abounds in full beef flavor it's great steakhouse beef at half the size, half the price, double the savor. Close your eyes, you could be in Argentina - except that here, they know what "rare" means. Current accompaniments are fingerling potatoes, grilled cipollini onions, and wonderful grilled peaches.

Lynne wanted to try the veggie lasagna with its housemade whole-wheat pasta. I was surprised, but her instinct was right: In this carnivores' castle, it proved one of the best dishes, featuring layers of tender pasta, squashes, garlic, onions, carrots, red pepper, and queso fresco in an almost ethereal tomatillo sauce. (So it's Mexican, not Italian. No problema.) This was a paragon of vegetarian cuisine — sweet, tangy, smooth, airy - real comfort food that coasts angelically into your body and mind, offering satisfaction without satiety.

On the casual entrées side, the news is less uniformly favorable. But before we get into the sausages, I want to mention a probably excellent dish we didn't try: the "complete burger." It's made from grass-fed California-raised chuck that's ground in-house! Since the meat isn't being run through some slaughterhouse grinder with who-knowswhat-else, nor traveling after it's ground, the risk of bacterial contamination is minimal. Hence, you can eat this burger as rare as you like. (I'd eat it raw, no worries. Bring on the tartare.) The burger comes with salty house-cured bacon made from America's best pork (Vande Rose's heritage Duroc hogs), plus Gouda, arugula, tomato, grilled onions, pineapple (huh?), and a free-range fried egg (optional).

The best sausage we tasted was the "superbison Mexidog," mixing free-range California-raised bison and Berkshire pork. It's moist and meaty and really captures the wild flavor of buffalo. It comes with house-cured bacon, pico de gallo salsa, smoked jalapeño aioli, house ketchup, and grilled onion on an artisan bun from Bread on Market. None of us could bear to wrap it in the bun too much fun to savor all the elements individually.

There are about five other sausages made daily from an ever-changing array. You can get one to three of these on a 'picnic plate" or in a vaguely Alsatian-style choucroute (sauerkraut with white wine). Not being sauerkraut aficionados, we tried all five of

the day's offerings on a pair of picnic plates. These come with Granny Smith apple and red-cabbage slaw and potato salad, both mildly pleasant, plus a couple of slabs of Gouda and a dipping sauce of nose-clearing, gooey honeybased house-made mustard.

It's been interesting to watch the Linkery develop its repertoire of sausages, but I've been mildly disappointed over time at the lack of consistent deliciousness. I'm an old friend of Bruce Aidells and watched (and tasted) with delight as his sausage-making business grew. He went from being a hippie with a converted fridge-smoker in his backvard into a national brand because he's a naturalborn chef, with a powerful intuition about what will taste great. The Linkery's sausages are purer in some ways (they're all fresh, uncured, free of commercial sodium nitrates and nitrites), but alas — nothing at the Linkery has ever equaled Cousin Brucie's least-spectacular sausage in flavor, although that bison dog is a powerful contender.

After chewing over the question for three years, I've concluded that the problem isn't the composition of the sausages but the technique used to cook them: All the sausages are poached before grilling. In contrast, when you buy a package of Aidells sausages from the grocery, you can do whatever you like with them — grill 'em, skillet-cook 'em, griddlecook them, or even boil them (aaagh!), like flaccid lunchtime wieners in a hospital cafeteria. At the Linkery, they've made one choice to fit all sausages, and I think it's the wrong choice.

Some sausages — the porky mittel-European ones with thick skins and plenty of fat in their composition can withstand poaching, and may even improve from it. Others should never touch

of them. These include fresh Italian sausages (like those at Pete's Meats); breakfast sausage (whether links or loaves); the delicate, thinskinned boudin blanc from the southern region of Cajun country (Lafayette south to Houma); and fresh poultry sausages. Traditional cooks always cook these sausages in a greased skillet or on a griddle (sometimes finishing them off on a grill) - and these folk have got folk wisdom on their side. Take the Aidells fresh chicken-apple sausage skillet-cooked for weekend brunches at the Farmhouse — when you bite into one, it spills delicious sweet liquid into your mouth. Compare that with the much dryer-tasting chicken sausages

water — it sucks the life out

We tried two chickenbased sausages — a chicken curry and a Thai. Couldn't tell which was which, as both were spicy but dry. One was marginally acceptable, the other fowl sawdust. The three pork sausages (all made with that fabulous Vande Rose pork from Iowa) weren't bad, but none was quite thrilling. It could also be that the restaurant is so dedicated to virtue in all aspects of its operation that it doesn't include quite enough pig fat (or alternative emollients) in the

sausage mixtures. The wine list offers fun and adventure. Ordering by the glass, Lynne, Jennifer, and I each enjoyed a crisp South African Le Bonheur Sauvignon Blanc, while Mary Jo savored a fine dry Sangria made from a decent red and seasonal fresh fruit. Sam enjoyed a semi-sweet Alsatian white (Pierre Sparr "Alsace One") and then an organic Dashe Zin, while I savored a crisp, dry Tavel Rosé for my second glass, finding it exactly as I remembered from Provence.

For the final round, Sam, a serious wine guy, brought an Oregon Pinot Noir from his own cellar. Under the circumstances (eight glasses of restaurant wine, including Lynne's first round at the bar before the rest of us arrived). the \$20 corkage struck us as rigid and ungenerous. Many higher-end restaurants (J-Six, Better Half, Cavaillon, et al.) waive corkage if you buy their wines as well, and we'd bought the equivalent of two bottles. I asked Iav about this later, and it turns out that the restaurant's corkage policy has never really been defined. (See "About the Linkery," Time for dessert. We asked

Travis what his favorite was. "Carrot cake," he said. Not meaning to joke, I said, "I've already been a hippie, eaten enough carrot cake for life.' Neo-hippie Travis looked blank. The grilled pound cake with whipped cream and fresh raspberries seemed austere despite the garnishes. A special of grilled nectarines and vanilla ice cream with raspberries left us cold — good ingredients, no unity. The coffees, French-press, are all virtuous; unfortunately, they no longer come from Caffé Calabria but from other local roasters. I asked Travis if any were dark roast. That would be the Costa Rican, he said. Dark it was, yes, but also thin and bitter. I added cream as though it were luncheonette coffee or instant. Meanwhile, Mary Jo was suffering with a cup of what she described as "dirty-tasting" Earl Grey tea.

I still like the Linkery very much, even though I don't love it as I probably ought to. As I said, "I've already been a hippie." Cooking with the best, most natural ingredients is a first step, not a guarantee. Then you have to cook things really well. That's the difference between, say, J-Six or the Better Half and the Linkery. Virtue may be its own reward for those who practice it, but those who buy it at a restaurant may want a bit more. There's some very tasty food here, but nothing sufficiently ecstasy-inducing to make me cry, "yes, I said yes."

ABOUT THE LINKERY

Once again, I'm not including a full chef or owner interview because the restaurant's website will tell you far more than everything you want to know. It includes a blog by owner Iav Porter that makes fabulously educational reading if you care at all about the qual-

how it affects the planet). At the very least, you should click (in orange, on the righthand side of the screen) the link to "The World of Meat." This gives an in-depth insight into the three distinct modes of meat production in the U.S. — the huge differences between commercial meats, "branded" meats like Niman, and family farmed. Another blog entry about why restaurants are generally so bad exposes the near-enslavement relationship between major food-service companies like Sysco and the restaurants that buy from them. Read this, and next time you see a Sysco truck unloading in the alley of a restaurant you think you like, you will (to quote ad-line for the great Cronenberg remake of The Fly) "be afraid, be very afraid."

ity of what you swallow (and

I did ask Jay a couple of critical questions. First, why does the Linkery poach all the sausages? "We poach them first because our (very possibly imperfect) experimental research leads us to believe that, done properly, this method actually keeps the moisture and mouthfeel in place better than any other," he said. "If you didn't get that experience, I fear that either we had an execution issue with the particular sausages in question, or we're just, you know, wrong about that method being best. Evaluating our methods and improving is a constant, iterative process." Second question: What's

with charging corkage to a table that's already bought the equivalent of two bottles of the restaurant's wines? "I can't say we've put much thought into it," Jay said. "Most of our rules and policies - even the seemingly esoteric ones — arise pretty naturally from the group as the need arises. I think corkage and waiving it iust haven't come up enough yet for an actual policy to have evolved for us. Up till now, I reckon it's been pretty haphazard whether the corkage is waived, depending on who's on the floor and what they're paying attention to.... I agree that corkage should be waived if the party is buying a lot of wine or sharing a nifty bottle with us, etc., just like most restaurants do. It's come up so rarely, though, that we haven't really had the occasion to discuss it much with our group here, and discussion is the process here by which ideas and notions become habits and interactions."

(Special thanks to stately, plump Frank from Servpro for drying out my apartment from a garden-sprinkler flood. He loves game meats as I do and unexpectedly quoted James Joyce in his lovely brogue, thereby handing me the first and last words of this review [from Ulysses] on a silver platter on which a mirror and a razor lav crossed.) ■





The Real Chinese Deal

"My husband started making his secret soy recipe in Hong Kong. Even I don't know what's in it."

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take the pig's rectum, hold it on the fork. This is it.

Chomp.

Try not to think, I tell myself. I mean, if this wasn't what it is, I'd quite enjoy it. A little rub-

bery, squishy, as animal tubes always are, but they've given it a good soy-vinegar, slightly sweet flavor. As the guy behind the counter, Chow, says, it's the kind of stuff you have with a glass of whiskey at a nice rowdy game of poker.

This started when I was hoof-

ing it west along University, up near 44th. I heard this loud talk — all in Chinese — coming through a metal mesh side door of a streetside restaurant. I see the flash of cleavers, the chop chop of work on wooden chopping boards.

Now I'm curious. I walk around to the front. I step into this bare-bones shop (only one table and two chairs). A row of roasted ducks hangs by their necks in a stainless-steel-and-glass cabinet, plus small sides of what look like pork.

Busy Chinese lady behind the counter is chopping a duck down the middle for this guy Gene, who says he's been coming "for years." Now she scoops what look like duck feet out of a soupy chafing dish. Then stomach lining and ears and wiggly small intestines. "I'm going to take this all home and eat it with a bottle of wine," Gene says.

I check the chalk menu board on the wall. It's written in Chinese and English. Most things are sold by the pound. Like, roast ribs are \$8.50, roast pork is \$7.75, BBQ pork is \$6.50, BBQ spare ribs are \$6.35. BBQ pork fried rice is \$3.50 for a large portion, \$2 for a small portion. And "open duck" is \$17 lb. Then they have a bunch

of dim sum (it means "heart's delight" in Cantonese), like a BBQ pork dumpling with pork stuffed inside (80 cents), and a coconut roll (70 cents).

I see they have a trayful of the dim sum on

the counter, along with platefuls of sweet sticky rice (\$3) and a big flan-looking egg bun (\$3.50).

The busy Chinese woman has stopped for a moment. She stands behind her cash register, which is placed over a family altar. All you can hear is that chop chop chop and Chinese voices

back-and-forthing in the kitchen.

"My husband, my brother, my nephew, six relatives," she says.

'Can I eat here?" I ask. I point to the table. "Oh, yes, yes," she says. "Something like this?" She points to a red-skinned piece of pork hanging in the cabinet.

Sure," I say. "Uh, can I have rice with that?"

"No problem." She takes it over to the chopping board, chops it into a dozen quarter-inch slices, stuffs hot rice around it, and charges me five bucks for the lot, including a pot of "special" soy sauce. "My husband started making his secret soy recipe in Hong Kong," she says. "Even I don't know what's in it."

The only problem is, they don't have drinks here. "All right if I go and buy a soda and bring it back?" I ask.

'No problem," she says again.

So I mosey over to the Apple Tree, get a 20-ounce Sprite (\$1.61), and in two minutes I'm head-down, attacking the BBQ pork, Chinese-style. God, it is delicious. The sauce is soy...plus what? Ginger? Something a little sweet. Okay, so it's served in a polystyrene box, but who cares?

Between my chews and her steady line of customers, we get to talking. "I started this place 21 years ago," she says, "with my husband. But I'm Tom, not him. In Cantonese, my name is Man Tom." She is from Canton. But her husband Chow is from Hong Kong, so they made it Hong Kong-style cooking, not Cantonese.

This is when another Chow comes out. Not Man's husband but her nephew. He's a cool dude who has come from Canton too. "Guangzhou's one of the food capitals of the world," he says. "But Chinese people love parts of the animal that Westerners don't know.' He's pointing to the chafing dishes. The chicken feet (\$4.50 lb), pork stomach (\$4.50 lb), duck feet and wings (cheaper at \$1.65 lb), intestines (\$5 lb), and, uh, pig rectum, at \$5.50 lb. Each rectum is pallid, wrinkly, maybe six inches long.

I can't leave without trying it. I know they must scrub, steam, boil, simmer this stuff till, well, you know, it's as pure as it has to be.

"Uh, give me just a couple of squiggles of intestine, and, like, half a rectum.'

'Great delicacy in Guangzhou," says Chow, slicing off half a rectum, then chopping it into half-inch chunks.

"Here," says Tom. She hands me another pot of her husband's secret soy sauce.

So I sit down, take my deep breath. This is a delicacy, I tell myself.

The tight curls of intestines feel and taste a little rubbery; it's like chewing a nutty telephone cord. But, hey, you could get used to this. The rectum...actually it's less rubbery, more tasty, more delicate. A bit...gamey.

Put it this way: This is no typical Chinese



Roasted ducks

takeout. It's the real deal. Walk in here, you feel you're walking slap-dab into China itself. More China than Olympics-obsessed Beijing, I'll bet. I'll definitely be back to Chow's auntie's place — at least for the whole BBQ-pork deal.

As for the rest — I mean, I know the Chinese must think we Westerners are such wimps - well, I'll learn to handle chowing down these new parts, and maybe even love it.

Jes' gotta train myself to stop thinking so goldurned much. ■

The Place: Tom's Chinese BBQ, 4414 University Avenue #A, Talmadge 619-563-8225

Type of Food: Chinese

Prices: roast ribs, \$8.50 lb; roast pork, \$7.75 lb; BBQ pork, \$6.50 lb; BBQ spare ribs, \$6.35 lb; BBQ pork fried rice, \$3.50 (large), \$2 (small); duck, \$17 lb; BBQ pork dumpling, 80 cents; coconut roll, 70 cents; sticky rice plate, \$3; egg bun (\$3.50)

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BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, of fers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese, "run over" between two pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (halfpound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread - it's the Aussie national food, mate. Lunch and dinner weekdays, three meals weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Broken Yolk Cafe 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-9655. Breakfasting P.B.ers love this place for

three reasons: its sundeck, its 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. This dozen-egg Broken Yolk Cafe Special comes stuffed with a mountain of mushrooms, onion, cheese, chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay nothing — you've got huevos. If you can't, the yolk's on you—\$19.99. My advice: split a four-egger. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Bully's La Jolla 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-2768. Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very '60s. For example, dark, woody, plush red booths. And always crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The Petite Cut eight ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once come here with your main squeeze and order up the "full cut for two." It does a hang-ten over the edges. Or go bonkers and order the 32-ounce cut (available in Mission Valley) - just to watch your neighbors' eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the Bully Burger, French Dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. — E.B.

Chateau Orleans 926 Turquoise Street (near Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. This old-timer is a fun place to eat and let the *bon temps rouler* to the sound of live blues (Thursday through Saturday). Despite many changes of owners, Chateau Orleans has always kept the same old ersatz recipes — it's high time the kitchen had a refresher course in authentic Louisiana cooking. as most of the dishes kind of "dis" the two great cuisines of that state. But if you choose carefully, you can get some pretty good stuff to complement the tasty music and colorful art on the walls: Texas cornbread, crawfish bisque, gushy "purple fries" (fried eggplant appetizer, the best dish on the menu), Cajun popcorn (fried crawfish tail meat), and gumbo are the ones to choose. Stay far away from the jambalava. Reasonable wine list, numerous Louisiana and Southern beers; full bar, but the Hurricanes are so weak that they barely qualify as a drizzle. - N.W.

C-Level 880 Harbor Island Drive, Downtown, 619-298-6802. California-Mediterranean comfort food with a Southern Low Country accent from Chef Deborah Scott; same menu lunch and dinner. Alas, the restaurant's name also gives away its grade — the food's okay but not spectacular, although the gorgeous heated patio at the edge of the bay does plenty to sweeten the pot. Your visiting aunt will swoon over the view and enjoy the food. Vast wine list with plenty by the glass, wide range of prices but some steep markups; good beer list. Full bar with creative cocktails. Ample free parking. No reservations except for large parties. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Donovan's Steak and Chop

House 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house made tartar sauce. The wet-aged Prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, bearnaise, and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the housemade desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional crème brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Monday through Saturday. Very expensive. — N.W.

Great Moon Buffet 1840 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-6868. This is one of the classier Chinese all-you-can-eat buffets in town. They boast a glitering chandelier hanging in the octagonal entrance, plus over 150 items daily. Certainly they have great surf-n-turf, like

prime rib and jumbo shrimp or mayonnaise mussels. Or Japanese charcoalgrilled eel with sesame seeds on rice (unagi-zushi). It tastes salty yet caramel-y too. Eel-icious. Or Chinese baked crab meat on crab shell. Add crab legs, and maybe some roast duck. Cramming? Feast today, fast tomorrow. Dessert fruits include loquats, pineapple, peach, longan. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Hancock Street Café 3354 Han-

cock Street, Point Loma, 619-296-2060. If you spot Marilyn, Elvis, and Lady Liberty waving at you from the sidewalk, you're here. They are life-size fiberglass look-alikes, but Mario is real, and his restaurant is a living shrine to jazz pianist Herbie Hancock, Mario has pianos, guitars, and drums inside even a little stage where you're often welcome to perform. The food? Italian home cooking. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can usu ally expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he'll even throw in a bottle of red wine. Here among the little factories and auto shops of Loma Portal may be San Diego's most popping cultural phenomenon. Worth investigating, even if you just want to eat. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

JRDN 723 Felspar Street, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5736. It's a day at the beach: Befitting a restaurant digging its feet into the sand, the food here is fresh, fun, and unfussy, featuring sustainable seafood, natural meats (including truly tasty spice-rubbed steaks), organic/local pro-duce, and a separate sushi bar. The dishes cover the waterfront, ranging from mac n' cheese to die for to a sexy, fruited gazpacho to swoon over. The chic interior, relaxed atmosphere, and great grazing draw an exuberant, voungish crowd. Creative cocktails are part of the charm, along with a venturesome wine list with plenty by the glass. Tables (reservable) on the heated beachfront patio could easily become a summertime lifestyle. Validated valet parking. Just one lacto-veg-etarian entrée, but vegetable sides plus salads fill in amply. Bread available by request only. Lunch weekdays, brunch weekends, dinner nightly. Entrées expensive. — N.W.

Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. This place has a unique system of delivering tempting dishes to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. You take food off and pay according to the plate size. The sushi chefs—they can be a show in themselves—have the usual panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls (crab, shrimp tempura, eel, avocado) and spider roll (soft-shelled crab) are tasty too. It's young and crowded here—is that because you don't have to sweat the menu, just grab what you like off the boat and chew? Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Saturday; dinner only Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Mardi Gras Café 3185 Midway Drive, Point Loma, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun tasso (spiced ham), boudin blanc (rice sausage), and crawfish sausage when it's in season. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Michele Coulon Pastries 7556-D Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-5098. The daughter of Don Coulon (retired chefowner of the Belgian Lion restaurant) presides at this delightful little cafe/bakery. (Look for it behind the octagonal sandwich shop that fronts its mini-mall.) Every ingredient is fresh and of top quality. Cakes are light, moist, rich, and available as wholes, slices, and even "miniatures," plus you can choose tarts, chocolates, ice creams, and breakfast parties. Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Moderate. — N.W.

P. F. Chang's China Bistro — La Jolla 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-458-9007. Okay, you're looking at the haunches of a giant horse right outside your corner window, and there don't seem to be any actual Chinese people among the wait staff. But this busy mall Chinese chain (130-plus restaurants) has a certain cool. Those

reproduction Chin Dynasty horses are really something, as are the bits of the Great Wall and the terra-cotta soldiers scattered inside. The food? The spicy ground chicken and eggplant was too salty for our taste, the Sichuan from the Sea shrimp too sweet, and the Cantonese roasted duck not that exciting. Yet there are jewels, if one searches for them. And — not that it's at all Chinese — the massive Great Wall of Chocolate dessert will knock you over. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.B.

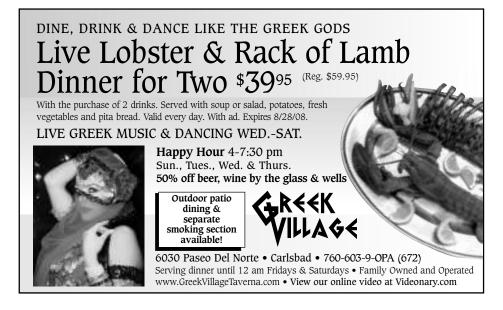
Portugalia 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-7678. This spacious, informal room decorated with strings of Christmas lights resembles an ethnic community center — and indeed, O.B. is home to a long-term Portuguese fishing community. The fascinating menu is split between the homeland and its former colony, Brazil, including several coconut-milkswathed seafood dishes from tropical Bahia that are rarely found locally. The array of appetizers from both countries embraces addictive bolinhos de bacalhau (salt cod fritters) and rissóis de camarão (fried pastry pockets filled with shrimp). For entrées you can choose Portuguese specialties like the earthy omes de sá (codfish with chick peas) of Brazil's *bife apimentado* (spicy beef) or even an African-inspired bife de moçambicana (beef with shellfish). There's also a *rodizio* option of skewered meats and/or seafood. Save room for the owner's mom's homemade desserts, especially pastéis de nata (delicate custard-filled pastries). Portuguese wines, full bar. Not all dishes always available. Service quality variable. Long stairway up to second-floor restaurant. Live music most nights after 10 p.m. Easy parking. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday, to midnight or later except Sundays. Moderate. — N.W.

Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Boulevard #153, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Why do Brazilians have more fun? *Açaí* (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB? Maybe it's because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí*, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The dark purple mush comes from the *açaí* palms









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that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a surprisingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with sandwiches. But the *açai* power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open until 6 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Solare 2820 Roosevelt Road, NTC Promenade, Point Loma, 619-270-9670. Lucky Point Loma! At this offshoot of the well-respected Bella Italia in P.B., the bill of fare is "green" — it's creative, well-executed Northern Italian cuisine with Asian-fusion touches such as a luscious sea bream carpaccio with lychees. A chef with a second ome in a Ligurian vineyard makes it all from scratch with mainly local and sustainable or organic ingrédients, including Brandt natural beef. Many dishes are pure home cooking that you won't find on typical restaurant menus even in the homeland. Huge wine list, full bar, wrap-around alfresco patio dining and even a cute mini-lounge outdoors behind the restaurant. Inside, the architecture tends to magnify the noise level when the room is full, e.g., weekends. Pastas moderate, entrées ex pensive. - N.W.

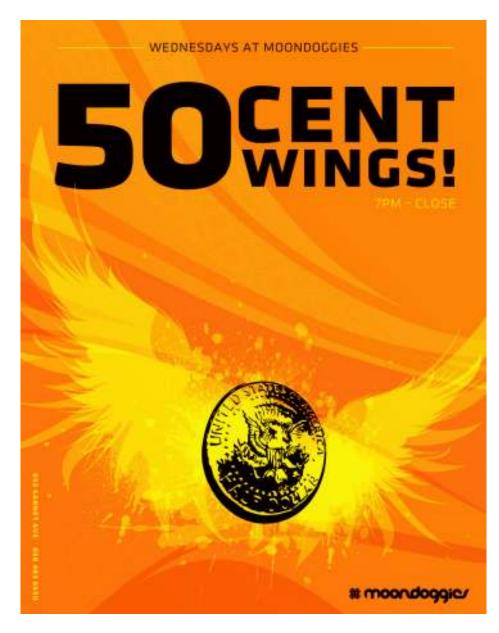
Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provencal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated foie gras torchon, luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don't even have to dress to the nines for your firstclass dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) weekdays, and dinner daily (including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe "sunset dinners" Sunday through Thursday). Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. -

The Third Corner Wine Shop and Bistro 2265 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. Ed Moore's casual, loosey-goosey spot is first of all a wine shop selling most global bottlings for just 20% over wholesale. It's \$5 to pop the cork there if you plunk down at a table among the racks to enjoy ca-sual bistro-style food designed to go with wine. You can snack on goat cheese salad, smoked duck salad, a cheese plate or a pâté plate, or get seri-ous with braised short ribs or duck confit surprisingly paired with spicy Nawlins red beans and rice. No reservations accepted, so best to go at off-hours or you'll wait for a table. Comfortable lounge with fireplace for sipping. Full bar. No corkage charge after 11 p.m., when restaurant staffers drop in for after-work noshing. Lunch and dinner until 1 a.m.: Sunday brunch 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (\$15 all-inclusive for food; mimosas extra); closed Monday. Lowmoderate. — $\tilde{N}.W$.

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including teppanyaki (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony ama ebi, rich garlic tuna, and a Crazy Boy roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids' menu available. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate.

N. W.

Zenbu 7660 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar/fish house featuring sparkling-fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No



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reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper-moderate to expensive. $\stackrel{\circ}{-}$ $\stackrel{\circ}{N}$. $\stackrel{\circ}{N}$.

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52 when calling Mexico.

Big Boy Restaurant 9892 Agua iente Boulevard, Baja, 664-686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawvers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food's no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho "royal" hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Vegetarian upon request. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Café la Especial Avenida Revolución #718 (down the market steps), Baja, 664-685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana's bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to carne asada and bistek ranchero, from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. Vegetarian upon request. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila's aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That's still going too. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

El Faro de Mazatlán Boulevard Sanchez Taboada #9542, Plaza Financiera, Baja, 664-684-8882. We're talking safe, reliable, middle-class fishfare here. The "Lighthouse of Mazatlán" is bright, blue, and white with smart varnished wood furniture and delivers fish, lobster, oyster, squid, and shrimp dishes that are easy to like. Generous free appetizers include marlin ceviche, fried fish, and fish albóndigas soup. The interesting part is in trying dishes like the sea snail salad. (After a few closed-eye bites, it's delicious — like eating a sliced clam. It's great in a Caesar.) Look for original ways with octopus, *pez espada* (swordfish) and others. One of the simplest, best dishes: the cabicucho (Mexican sea bass), charbroiled but moist and really better without its ranchero sauce Vegetarian upon request. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.B.

La Espadaña Avenida Sanchez Taboada #10813, Baja, 664-634-1488. If you learn only one word of Spanish, learn this one: *Borrego*. Because this place does the greatest oven-cooked leg of lamb ever. The meat tastes as if it were cooked in wine, garlic, and herbs, but the owners insist it's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its own juices with a bit of oregano. But most folks come here for beef — steaks and the popular beef fillet, sizzled at a big me-and-smoke display counter BBQ grill. Vegetarian upon request. All terra-cotta and timber, this is where the local middle classes come for their cross-border food fix. Think Tijuana's version of Mission Valley, Still, it's charming, and you can have fun. For instance, don't forget to ask them to ring the bells set in their espadanas (holes cut in the mission frontage) above the great arched wooden en

trance door; they clank tunelessly, but they're great for celebrating your 21st birthday, Mom getting her degree — whatever. Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, seven days. Moderate. — E.B.

El Rodeo Boulevard Salinas #1647, Baja, 664-686-5640. This 30-year-old steak haven sits on traffic-drowned Salinas, but climb onto its porch and you're at some Sonoran desert rancho, saguaro cacti and all. Inside it's dark od and brick, wagon wheels, lariats, rifles, longhorns, and generous amounts of cattle-ranch food. Entrée price includes a delicious soup of roast beef juices, beans cooked in their own iuices, a quesadilla, a salad, two botana (snack) plates, of, say, vinegary veggies and potatoes, and a beef-liver medley, flour tortillas, chips, and hot sauce. You can get any cut of steak you want. A parrillada — BBQ dish — gives you marinated beef rib, carne asada, and barbecued chicken, all sizzling on a ran-cho-style metal tabletop grill that glows with hot coals. Best part: the roasted spring onions splayed across the meat. Dessert and coffee also included. Vegetarian upon request. Good place for a party. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. — E.B.

Vallarta Natural 1252 Boulevard Agua Caliente (just before El Toreo de Tijuana), Baja, 664-686-1560. Maybe the only smoke-free restaurant in Ti-juana, this vegetarian haven was started in 1996 by health-conscious Doctor Georgina Vallarta de Alcantar. They make their own yogurt, soy hash, breads, rolls, salsas — and "meats" like a veal from their own wheat gluten — daily. You sit at wood tables and chairs next to blue-framed yellow walls splat-tered with Talavera ceramic suns. At breakfast, try the tartaleta vallarta, a mix of eggs, spinach, mushrooms, onions, and chile. For lunch (and it's usually busiest around three), their excellent soup, caldo tlalpeno, packed with cheese, rice, avocado, and chile, will fill you nicely. The soy hamburguesa is good, but go for the torta, which has that gluten *milanesa* along with cheese, avocado, and jalapeno. Good organic coffee. Wonderful juices, especially the cactus — if you need cleaning out. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

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El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-220-0692. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl with discrete admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the high-lights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, tlacogos cuitlacoche, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks at least 1700 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an inti-mate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Anthology 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. This spiffy, multilevel nightclub offers pleasant, user-friendly, modern-American cuisine (local produce, natural meats, won-derful breads) conceived by consulting celeb-chef Bradley Ogden. But when good musicians are cookin' onstage, the eats are liable to become mere background music for the mouth. A great date venue for jazz lovers. \$15 minimum (easy to meet on beverages alone) or \$5 cover when there's live music. No cover charge Tuesdays and some Sundays - otherwise ticket prices (bought separately) vary, plus \$15 to \$20 minimums (easy to meet). Wine list is fine and wide ranging but starts high and escalates sharply, plus full bar with fruity cocktail creations as well as classics. Dinner only, Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive on up, if you drink anything but tap water. — N.W.

Bale French Sandwich Shop 4879 University Avenue, City Heights. 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980. Ann's brother succeeded her, and the prices have hardly changed

- they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cu-cumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread - fresh, feathery, and very French — that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of homemade banana shrimp cake and — *voila!* Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Big Kitchen 3003 Grape Street, South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe — and Judy "The Beauty" Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the av-ocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the veggie option: sautéed spinach, mushrooms onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they always have this out there" eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and bon mots like "Will Be President For Food." Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Bombay Exotic Cuisine of India 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298 3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoorbaked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy (though their sag paneer — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakoras* (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken tikka, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order

from the menu — say, a creamy tikka masala with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, *tikhi*. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb samosas. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. —

Bully's East 2401 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2665. Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very '60s. For example, dark, woody, plush red booths. And always crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The Petite Cut 8 ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once, come here with your main squeeze and order up the "full cut for two." It hangs ten over the edges. Or go bonkers and order the 32-ounce cut (available in Mission Valley) — just to watch your neighbors' eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the Bully Burger, French dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. — *E.B.*

Café Chloe 721 Ninth Avenue, Downtown, 619-232-3242. How did we ever manage before this indispensable bistro opened? In a bright and beautiful setting with small tables, bar seating, and a patio, you'll find light and lovely Parisian-style bistro fare with substantial breakfasts, svelte lunches and dinners, and sophisticated bar nibbles. Don't miss breakfast's poached eggs with sage-truffle beurre blanc. Nightly specials keep the menu interesting, and desserts are worth every calorie. Beverages include divine lavender lemonade, root beer choices, and an intelligent wine list at modest markups, most available by the glass. Metered street-parking daytime. No reservations except large groups. Mod-

La Casita 1247 C Street, Downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the



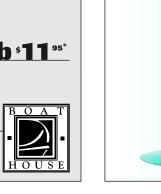




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li'l old blue-and-white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best chorizo con huevos (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and en-chiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo city-hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the housemade menudo (tripe soup). Delivery anywhere downtown 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Open six days 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Sundays.— *E.B.*

Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls - ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, *and* dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie available Mondays — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. -

Chive 558 Fourth Avenue, Down town, 619-232-4483. Here you'll find a new cuisine for the upscale residential neighborhood rising around the restaurant. Diners can choose an adventurous meal or an evening of so-phisticated comfort food. Urbane multicultural fusion dishes dance cheek to cheek with remade American classics and the occasional sleek French luxury dish. A "grazing menu" features small bites for folks on a diet or on the run. The menu changes seasonally. — N.W.

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, Downtown, 619-231-6771. This rep-utable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who

enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté. Mediterranean blue mus sels, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies, are hefty, louche, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday; dinner only on Saturday. Moderate to expensive

La Doña 1784 Newton (at Beardsley), Southeast San Diego, 619-233-4939. This café is steeped in Mexican history, especially Barrio Logan history. You half expect to see several L.A. zoot-suitors drift in as you inspect the blackand-white shots of the late actress Maria Felix (Mexico's Marilyn Monroe) or the great photos of the Mexican Revolution that include Zapata and Pancho Villa. The place has been here for 63 years, and old-timers say it reminds them of long-ago cafés in Los Angeles, Modesto, or Madera. The food is home cooking, Mexican style, with meals like scrambled eggs and chorizo with rice and refried beans. Watch out for the pot o' salsa — it's a real jaw-slammer. Other dishes to sample include chicharrones, menudo, and pozole.

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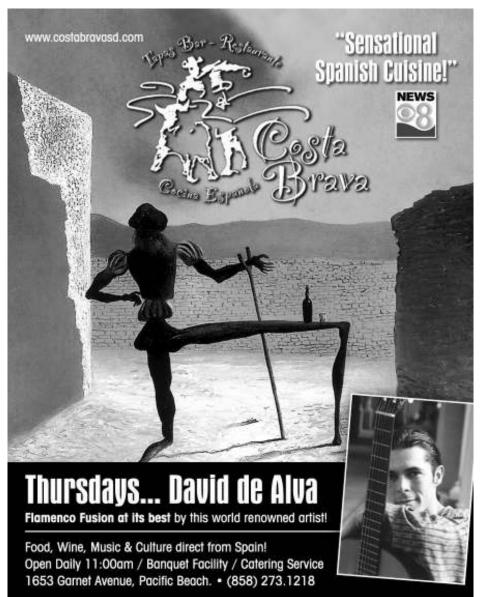
Seven days, breakfast to late lunch. In expensive. — E.B.

Gourmet India 810 Fourth Avenue. Downtown, 619-702-7967. Most local Indian restaurants share nearly identical panregional menus (yawn). Gourmet India, in contrast, serves authentic regional delicacies you won't find at the clones. Don't miss the distinctive appetizers, especially the crunchy sev poori (wheat wafers with a vibrant, spicy fresh topping), the bel poori (India's favorite railway snack),













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or southern India's uttapam, pancakes (made of cream of wheat) resembling soft, exotic mini-pizzas, accompanied by a coconutty fresh chutney. Peshawari naan is a spectacular tandoorcooked bread stuffed with cashews raisins, and fresh cheese, and tandoori chicken wings are tender and savory with their lively green dipping sauce Entrées include the rarely seen mirchi tikka, tender boneless chicken from the tandoor, steeped in a bright, spicy, lime-juice marinade. Madrasi Fish in coconut milk is a delicious southernstyle coconut milk curry, and the house specialty, Bombay Chicken, is a salty and oddly homey-tasting stew. Interesting and appropriate wine list; numerous Indian and international beers You can eat royally on a prosperous peasant's budget. Lunch and dinner daily. (Parking not validated at Horton.) Moderate. - N.W.

Grant Grill 326 Broadway, Downtown, 619-232-3121. The hotel has reopened after its \$52-million renovation, and it's looking magnificent. The Grant Grill, too, is changed and freshened. In days of vore, the bill of fare combined French haute cuisine with British hotel-grill staples. Now it's thoroughly Southern Californian (although they did resurrect the fabled mock turtle soup in response to diner pleas) with nods to the "slow food" movement. Well-raised meats, local produce, and artisanal products include housemade burrata mozzarella and herbed bread. Entrées are large, rather salty, and have fine side items, but there's still a basic conservatism at work. Nothing here to scare the horses. Appetizers and amusebouches are more engaging than entrées, while desserts are in the "needs more work" stage. Serving pace, especially on busy evenings, is slow. But the town's movers and shakers are back at their old favorite haunt. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Very expensive. - N.W.

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burg-

ers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturday, roast lamb or pot roast Sunday. Open daily. Inexpensive to low-moderate. — E.B.

Ikea Restaurant 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful home interiors chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Seafood is big: the shrimp oper faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon) are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Izakava Masa 928 Ft. Stockton Drive #109, Mission Hills, 619-542-1354. An izakaya is the Japanese equivalent of a tapas bar. The menu here includes 12 cold appetizers and 19 hot ones, along with 12 deep-fried mini-kebabs and a host of more standard dishes, plus sushi. Find adventure with the little dishes. Chuka kurage, superb cold jellyfish salad, is crunchy and spicy but lightly sauced, with no greasy chilioil residue. Fried oysters (kaki), ethe real fried tofu in broth, and kara-age (spicy fried chicken) stand out among the hot appetizers. Kushi-age, a variety of deep-fried kebabs on bamboo skew ers, are inexpensive and delicious; try the Japanese sausage. Maguro ya makake, a cold appetizer of raw tuna with glutinous grated mountain yam, is an advanced course in Japanese cui-– a strenuous challenge to a Western palate. Sushi rolls are a bit creative, but not the restaurant's forte. Go for the tapas and enjoy yourself. Lunch Tuesday through Friday and Sunday Dinner six nights. Closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Jade Theater 701 C Street, Downtown, 619-814-5125. The fusion menu here mingles flavors from all over Asia

eye of long-time Japengo chef James Monteiano. The first floor is a bar, the lower floor is a nightclub evoking a sinful Shanghai of the 1930s, and the spare, spiffy dining room (plus party and restrooms) are upstairs (with elevator access), overlooking the action. The grazing is grand here: Hors d'oeuvres are called "Tease" and appetizers are called "Taste," and those are the flashiest, happiest dishes on the menu. Standouts include the signature Iade shiitake bites, the Hokaiido scallops on kim chee pancakes, the spicy fried cala-mari with two dips, and the depthbomb bisque included in a Maine lobster "trilogy" plate. Many entrées are on the sweet side; best bets if you don't like dessert before dessert are the miso glazed mero and the surf and turf (lobster/rib eye). Chef's prix-fixe dinners for up to 10 can be arranged. Full bar, rather expensive wines. Room gets loud around 8 p.m. when DI downstairs cranks up the lounge music. Businesscasual dress, but many women wear vampy date duds. Reservations vital.

(particularly Southeast Asia), under the

Jimmy Carter's Cafe 3172 Fifth Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery has a surprise—great Indian breakfasts (until 11:20 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or pessaratu (mung bean crepe with onions, peppers, ginger, dhal, and chutneys). Or vegetarian vindaloo. Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3-pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive.

Joe's Crab Shack — Mission Valley, 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-574-8617. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grown-ups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. Also in Oceanside, Pacific Beach, and downtown. — N.W.

Krakatoa 1128 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-230-0272. This used to be an

abandoned property. Now the swamp-green clapboard house is the coolest, if (reportedly) ghost-ridden, coffee-eatery hang-outery in Golden Hill. Its garden is lush and tropical, and on its wooden deck laptops unfold, essays get written, relationships get worked out. The menu is light, the names heavy: the breakfast sandwich (scrambled eggs, cheese, fruit) is the Wonchi (an Ethiopian caldera); the roast turkey sandwich with ham, cream cheese, and cranberry sauce is the Ubehebe (a dormant volcano in Death Valley); the Amboy (a Mojave Desert volcano) is a peanut butter, honey, banana, cinnamon, and bacon sandwich. Open 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Sundays till 6 p.m.). Inexpensive. — E.B.

The Linkery 3794 30th Street, North Park, 619-255-8778. The artisanal 'slow food" cuisine here features local ingredients and made-from-scratch preparations. Despite the name, there's a full menu that includes tasty grilled vegetable appetizers and some fine entrées. But the focus is on the side dishes of fresh sausages made daily onpremises. These vary not only in composition but in palatability. Good ones include chicken curry, linguisa, Polynesian pork. Venturesome international wine list at low markups, plus international beers and Mexican Coca-Cola (better tasting than U.S.-made). Dinner daily until 11 p.m. Moderate.

Monsoon Exotic Cuisine of India 729 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-234-5555. The younger sister to Hillcrest's Bombay Exotic Cuisine sometimes shares the same chefs and serves much the same standard repertory of "Northern Indian cuisine made easy," with a few tropical additions vaguely inspired by Southern flavors. Curries are indistinct from each other and run to the mild side, no matter what you specify. Breads are good; tandooris disappointingly soft-surfaced. A room-dividing fountain recreates the roar of the namesake tropical downpour. Add a lively dinner crowd and it's a (Gunga) din. Solid wine list, some Indian beers, full bar specializing in sweet cocktails. Open daily. Inexpensive buffet lunches; moderate à la carte dinners until 11 p.m. - N.W.

El Pollo Loco 2795 Main Street, Logan Heights, 619-595-0847. Additional locations in Midway, Carmel Mountain, Chula Vista, El Cajon, Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, and more. This Mexican-style chicken chain offers healthier, tastier fast food. The flame-broiled poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, very salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone,

but usually is just right. The bird (or any assortment of its parts) comes with sage gravy, tortillas, and a choice of side dishes that includes rich, sweet black beans, crisp and clean coleslaw, great gooey-cheesy macaroni, and passable mashed potatoes. Help yourself to salsas (there are four varieties), chopped onions, lemons, cilantro, hot peppers. But stick with the chicks — the taqueria-style choices are barely better than Taco Bell. Check for daily specials, wherein a small amount of cash will buy a huge amount of highly palatable poultry. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Ranchos Cocina — North Park 3910 30th Street, North Park, 619-574 1288. At both locations of this delightful mini-chain you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft obects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak
— in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. And sample something with the housemade mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try...anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. - N.W.

The Ritual Tavern 4095 30th Street. North Park, 619-283-1618. North Park is becoming a hotbed of ethical food culture, and Ritual is one of its proponents. At this cozy, civilized, Old World-style pub where the music always plays softly enough for conversation you'll find classic pub dishes plus some more exotic forays, cooked with consistent care to emphasize the fine natural flavors of humanely raised Niman meats, gourmet Jidori chicken, locally grown organic vegetables. Want a burger? The ketchup is made in-house. The wildest dish is a tasty, mouth-filling, étouffé-thick "Saddlebrush" (Yankee) gumbo that's not remotely Cajun or Creole (it's got carrots - and no okra or filé!), served over long-grain wild rice instead of the sticky white stuff. Vast list of local and international artisan beers includes a Porter milkshake for dessert; nearly all of a dozen affordable international wines are available by the glass. Soft drinks include Mexican Coca Cola (made with cane sugar, not corn syrup). Small parking lot behind restaurant. Several vegan and gluten-free menu items. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday to 11 p.m. Moderate. — $\tilde{N.W.}$

Saigon on Fifth 4900 Fifth Avenue Hillcrest, 619-220-8828. This is the rare local Vietnamese restaurant that emphasizes the urban, French-influenced cuisine of colonial-era Saigon and Hue rather than the ubiquitous pho noodle soups of the North. The list of house specialties includes many entrées you won't find elsewhere in San Diego among them a smoked oyster omelet and a unique version of coconut shrimp served in the coconut shell. Many dishes here include honey, so the Boon (spicy noodle salad) deserves its name - a refreshing break from the sweetness. Well-chosen, reasonable wine list suits the food, as does the serene decor. Validated underground parking just north of the bank. Open daily, lunch and dinner until midnight. Low moderate. — N.W.

Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-229-9050. With purple cloth napkins, white tablecloths, green banquettes, butter-colored walls, and a portrait of King Chulalongkorn, Sala Thai has all the trappings of a class joint — except you're only paying six or eight bucks for main dishes. The food? A bit gentle on the spice front. Tom yum kung, the famous shrimp soup, should make your neck hairs stick straight out, but if that's what you want you'll have to ask the cooks to make it spicier. Chicken mussaman, labeled "medium spicy," is pretty tame but still delicious with its authentic taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Hottest curry: chicken green. Health treat: Som tum, the famous papaya salad. Lunch, dinner daily; dinner only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Sang Dao 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. Laos has an exotic Shangri-La thing about it, yet the large family that runs this eatery will tell you Lao food is quite plain and simple: vegetables, freshwater fish, chicken, pork, occasional beef, sticky rice, and noodles. But taste their delicious spicy catfish and you're right back at exotic. Thai basil, garlic, and most of all, the gingery *galanga*, a.k.a. "Laos root," help make it unfishy. Other must-trys: BBQ beef, som yum (papaya salad), and especially the spicy salad with minced meat called larb — closest thing to the national dish. The surroundings here may be homey, but not the excellent cuisine. "Sang Dao"? It means "Star Light." Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. six days, closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Shakespeare Pub 3701 India Street, Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with rich English beer, say, a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Breakfast weekends, lunch weekdays, and dinner daily. In-

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully packed approximation of a muffaletta, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The jambalaya is tasty, too, even with the substitute for andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations. Breakfast to dinner (closes 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday). Inexpensive. — N.W.

The Pearl 1410 Rosecrans, Point Loma, 619-226-6100. This motel hints at a little corner of South Miami Beach, and it's all about fun: You can eat and drink in a tiny indoor dining room furnished wholly with high bar tables and stools (neither wheelchair accessible nor acrophobic acceptable) or out on the heated area surrounding the swimming pool where movies screen for free on Wednesday evenings. The fare is California-eclectic and emphasizes grazing, with simple preparations of local produce and sustainable meat and fish. Candied pork belly, "deconstructed" shrimp nachos, wings du











jour, and salmon with skin are among the hits. International wine list at wide price range, some bargains, plenty by the glass. Full bar. No reservations except for large parties (six and up) and special occasions. — N.W.

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-488-5900. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-682-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — M.N.

NORTH INLAND

Abbey's Real Texas BBQ — Kearny Mesa 9353 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa, 858-279-7427. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-ry slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Catering available seven days a week; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

Ashoka the Great 9474 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant.

The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Dinner buffet Monday and Thursday. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

Centre City Café 2680 S. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little "motel row" just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early-bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambience, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — N.W.

China Max 4698 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multiregional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishe (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. Call ahead for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to exorbitant but mainly moderate. — N.W.

Fiore's 777 Harrah's Way, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This is where Valley Center goes to celebrate special occasions. An island of serenity in the cacophonous casino, the restaurant offers fine certified-Angus grilled steaks and chops of various species. For a starter, the shrimp margarita is delicious. Choices include numerous seafood entrées, and for lighter eating there's an oyster bar attached. The best attraction is the long, adventurous wine

list, offering international bottles at bargain prices with by-the-glass choices galore. Half the fun is matching wines to foods. The beer list is sophisticated, too, as are well-priced cognacs and aged ports. Business-casual dress code. Kids allowed in casino restaurants, not in gambling area. Reservations advised for weekends. Open for dinner daily. Moderate at oystar bar; upper moderate to very expensive in restaurant. — N.W.

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasure house is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knickknacks (all for sale). This is the place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crêpe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crepes, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until dinner. Reservations on weekends. In back of a mall. Easiest en-try from Mission is at SDGE driveway; do not pass McDonald's. Good handicap access; sturdy high chairs; low-salt cooking. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. In-expensive. — N.W.

Hunan 16719 Bernardo Center Drive. Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-8131. This casual family restaurant serves the cuisines of two spicy Chinese provinces, Szechuan and Hunan — each with its own dedicated chef — but both chefs tone the spice way down to a suburban American comfort level. If you don't already know the difference between these neighboring cuisines, you're unlikely to learn them here. But you can have an enjoyable meal: Tea-smoked duck, eggplant Hunan-style, and shredded potatoes with pickled vegetables are the outstanding dishes. If you're planning on a multicourse feast, order your meal a few dishes at a time or everything will be served at once; the staff is accommodating but limited-English. Over 20 vegan entrees. Full bar, Chinese beers, generic wines. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — N.W.







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Madras Café 9484 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the same strip mall as Ashoka the Great, this family-friendly café features the savory vegetarian cuisine of South India. It's distinctly different from the standard North Indian menus, centering on numerous varieties of stuffed pancakes - from thin, crisp (and irresistible) crepe-like dosais stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour aapams drenched in coconut milk to hefty, frittata-like uttapams. (Try the latter with the delicious, not-too-spicy chile-onion stuffing.) Puffy poori bread and tamarind rice are spectacular. Order your dishes in the sequence you hope to eat them — that's usually how they come out of the kitchen. And don't expect hovering "Raj" style service — it's just not the Tamil way. Seasoning is generally mild to accommodate kiddies; spicy sauces are on the table. No alco-hol. Open Tuesday through Sunday with buffet lunches and à la carte dinners. Inexpensive. - N.W.

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful peo-– Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woesle. Order at will everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, Reservations recommended. Very, very expensive, but less costly and less formal on "Bistro Wednesdays" when simpler food is served. — N.W.

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, Escondido 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of sunomono (cu-

cumber salad). Then there are teriyakis sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with masago, tempura shrimp roll. guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tem-pura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presenta-tion artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *S.M.*

The Original Pancake House 3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, batterfilled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden minisuperdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The erman Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere under a mush-room-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere — striped gold-and-cream wall-paper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it's the fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. Okay, it's a nationwide franchise, but it's a comfy franchise, from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. — E.B.

Pearl Chinese Cuisine 11666 Avena Place, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-3388. At Emerald Restaurant's younger, prettier suburban sister, you'll find modern Hong Kong-style Chinese cuisine, including both familiar and exotic dishes. Daytimes are for dim sum (Chinese tapas), served daily until 3 p.m., plus champagne dim sum brunches on weekends. Along with standard items the choices here leap to the latest Pacific creations, some rarely found this side of the ocean, including irresistible Shanghai soup dumplings. Dinners range from folk food to showy "gold cup" dishes. For a taste treat and visual hoot, try the sea bass with pine nuts, sculpted to resemble a dish sponge. International wine list at modest markups comple-

What the Chef Eats

CHILE VERDE

BY HANIS CAVIN, CHEF DE CUISINE Kensington Grill

I work a lot, usually about 75 hours a week. During "Restaurant Week" I broke 100, so I cook very little at home. I don't get home until ten at night. When I do cook at home, it's usually when I've gotten myself into trouble; it's a special occasion. I probably have the bestequipped kitchen, but mostly I use a cereal bowl or a knife for my hamand-cheese sandwich. I grew up in San Diego, so when I do cook, I cook Mexican food. Every day at the restaurant we take turns cooking lunch for the crew. It was my turn yesterday to make lunch, and I did my signature dish — a chile verde. I use pork (end pieces from the pork served at the restaurant), salsa with tomatillos,

jalapeño, onion, and cilantro all simmered together. It was good.

INGREDIENTS

5 pounds pork loin 2 pounds tomatillos 2 jalapeño peppers, trimmed, including seeds 1/2 cup chopped yellow onion 4 red Roma tomatoes 1 bunch of cilantro juice of 2 limes

1 cup parboiled rice (like Uncle Ben's)

salt and pepper to taste

HOW TO DO IT

Chop pork in a medium dice (half-inch pieces) and set aside. Chop the

ments the cooking. Full bar. Frying done in corn (not peanut) oil. Reserva-tions advised. Lunch and dinner on weekdays; three meals on weekends. Moderate, with some expensive specialties. - N.W.

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 South Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 760-740-5963. This European style bakery specializes in hearty, hand-crafted, slow-fermented breads made from natural ingredients. Recipes of the 24 loaves are from France, Italy, Germany, and the U.S. These loaves have textures and depths of flavor you'll never find in supermarket-bakery breads. And for breakfast or a snack, there's nothing better than settling on the front porch with a cup of espresso and one of the moist and chewy scones. Open Monday through Saturday, morning to late afternoon. Inexpensive.

Sand Crab Cafe 2229 Micro Place, Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of in-dustrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompanying them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BYOButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Beer and wine and good margaritas. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Spices Thai Cafe — Rancho **Bernardo** 16441 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-674-4665. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

NORTH COASTAL

Armenian Café 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-720-2233, At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a loss leader featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even bet-ter are distinctive dishes from the owner's family recipes: his mom's Lebanese *kibbe* (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her *kashta lea* dessert — an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rosewater syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great Armenian salad and a tasty dip for the meat, along with less-than-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary, but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals daily. Live music and belly dancer Friday and Saturday night. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.*

California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. This restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday to Thursday (to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday). Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.), which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

California Pizza Kitchen — **Solana Beach** Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit "the premium pizza segment." Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning

inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain's first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you've got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order Hawaiian pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Corner House Café & Pizzeria 11815 Sorrento Valley Road, Carmel Valley, 858-755-3183. This must be the last farmhouse standing in Sorrento Valley's glassy, glossy business park. Corner House Café shares the nearly century-old, yellow, two-story clapboard house with Lily's Closet Café and Caliente Mexican Food. You eat outside in patios and gardens among flowers, fountains, farm carts. It feels like the country. Sandwiches reign. Try the Ironman sandwich (chicken, avocado, cheese) or Sorrento's Choice (turkey, cream cheese, sunflower seeds). Also terrific are the full meals. No fancy tableware, but dishes like chicken tequila fettuccini with its green pasta and sinful golden creamy sauce are sophisticated, delicious, and interesting. Open daily till 5 p.m. (3 p.m. Saturday, closed Sunday). Inexpensive. — E.B.

Joey's Smokin' B-B-Q — Carmel Valley 4645 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Valley, 858-350-1317. Joey Maggiore doesn't produce Southern "Q" so much as So-Cal "Q" — more an homage to Memphis than anything you'd find in Memphis itself — but the tables include paper towel dispensers instead of napkins, a clear signal to go ahead and get messy. All the meats are smoked, not grilled, in true "Q" fashion. Pulled pork offers reasonably credible Memphis-style flavor and tender-chewy texture. Baby back ribs come in three versions: sweet ribs glazed with the "suh-weet" sauce, wet ribs glazed with the mild-spicy sauce, and dry-rubbed ribs sprinkled with spice rub. Sweet or wet are the best. Chicken plates come in a variety of sizes and







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tomatillos, jalapenos, onion, and tomatoes into small pieces, all the same size. If less heat is desired, then discard the jalapeño seeds. Then, finely chop the cilantro.

In a large saute pan on high heat, add three tablespoons of olive oil. Add the pork and continually stir to keep from

sticking. Continue to cook until the meat is evenly browned on all sides.

While pork is cooking, add the tomatillos, jalapeños, onion, red tomatoes and two cups of water to a medium sauce pot. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a rapid simmer.

Let the tomato-

sauce mixture cook for 15 minutes. Do not strain. Add the cilantro and lime juice. Blend all the ingredients together and season with the salt and pepper.

Strain out any excess oil from the pork once it is evenly browned. Add the tomato sauce and rice to the pork. Bring back to a boil, then

quickly reduce to a simmer. Cook until rice is soft. (Note: don't use minute or quick-cooking rice).

Adjust the seasoning if needed. Enjoy!

To get an online version of this column, go to sdreader.com. You can print it, email it to friends, and get other recipes from different

parts. Housemade hot links are well extremely salty. The list of sides is long and varied. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. - N.W. Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo

Tepatitlan — Encinitas 290 North ast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you en-ter this busy little taqueria, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalaiara. Its local specialty is carnitas — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato salsita. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla Open daily, three meals, until 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. - N.W.

Kealani's 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-942-5642. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the side walk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of shortgrain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of imu-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from malasadas (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "local food." While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the ta-bles. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive.

Milton's Deli 2660 Via de la Valle Del Mar, 858-792-2225. This sprawling, family-friendly eatery started out as a nonkosher Jewish deli, but has come to embrace diner food, pub grub, and Italian and Mexican favorites, along with a full cast of Ashkenazi noshes. Sit down and stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned fat cheese blintzes, *matzoh brei*,

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The Original 101 Diner 552 First Street, Encinitas, 760-753-2123. This is where the caviar crowd from Rancho Santa Fe comes to remember their roots. It's got all the deliberately down-home cooking you could want, including allday breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top sirloin steak and eggs. For lunch, the bacon-Cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo. The turkey-cranberry salad sandwich is also good, and try the spinach salad, with bacon, feta cheese, olives, mushrooms, and chopped egg. Even though this 101's vintage (1983) in no way compares with the Oceanside 101 Café's (1928), it has become a genuine part of Encinitas life - lines on the weekends will tell you that. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Star of India — Del Mar 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically Punjabi) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea bat ter and fried — or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry masala, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, palak paneer. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate.

SOUTH BAY

Café 1134 1134 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-1134. Since the place changed hands a couple of years back, the food has definitely gotten more interesting. Breakfast omelets, for starters. The Cortez has sautéed shrimp. mushrooms, Jack cheese, avocado, sour cream, plus fruit or sautéed potatoes.

with roast beef and bleu-cheese crum bles. They do a fine chicken pecan salad, too. But at heart this is still a Left Bank sort of coffee place for hanging out, talking, arguing, and having deep thoughts. Grab a joe or a large bottle of their hoppy Mermaid's Red Ale, take it outside, start a conversation. Open 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. (kitchen 7 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.) daily.

D'Lish Pizza and Pasta 386 East H Street, Suite 211, Chula Vista, 619-585-1371. Also at 2260 Otay Lakes Road. This chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now it has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're or-dering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'lish in its marination and especially its pesto-like chimichurri sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetable pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell pep-pers. And Mediterranean Chicken Salad works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. Moderate. — E.B.

Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits -National City 2210 East Plaza Boule vard, National City, 619-470-3002. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The étouffé (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo, of-fered at some locations, is weird — flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive.

Spiro's Gyros 1201 First Street #4, oronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view - are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a

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Campo Diner 1367 Dewey Place, Inland Border Towns, 619-478-2888. Tiger Woods eats here. He plays paint wars nearby, then comes in and always orders the same thing: cheeseburger, medium rare, with fries. The burgers are all made from certified Black Angus beef, so they cost a little more. But there are deals for folks with country appetites. For breakfast, ask for "The Works" omelet. It's loaded with bacon, ham, sausage, onions, bell peppers, mush-rooms, and potatoes. A half-order will be plenty. At lunch order the robust, homemade soup of the day, like vegetable, which has so many fresh-cut veg-etables in it that you won't need to order anything else. Open daily 6 a.m. to

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Lake Murray Café 5465 Lake Murray Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-433-0180. This is the neighborhood café this neighborhood lacked for years. Which explains why, since it opened in 2005, it's been busy, mostly filled with locals. Peo-ple come because the waitresses know them and know what they like, but also because the plates are usually overloaded. All the omelets are four-eggers, with generous sides like biscuits and gravy. Portuguese sausage scramble is a bulky way to start the day. Evening meals include fish served European-style with the head still on. Other comfort foods include liver and onions, meat loaf, and pork chops with stuffing. Open 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. -

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along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have a nice nip tuned to bravebut-tender farang tastebuds. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate.

474-5546. Lai Thai started up as the lone Thai in a sea of Filipino restaurants in

South Bay, but has gained a respected place under glamorous Summawadee

Bubpha. Prices are so reasonable, you

feel the food shouldn't come on such

beautiful platters. The soups, tom kah (spicy coconut), and tom yum (hot and

sour), are especially good, as is the house Lai Thai Fish (usually tilapia) in deli-

cious panang coconut-curry sauce. But

you've got to push for spiciness if you

want it. Lunch deals are really cheap

Also check out the Thai art on the walls,

some for sale. Open lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road,

Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this

tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining

bar) is young, and so is the chef, still

slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed

with local favorites. The pizzas are outstanding - such a lovely, airy, silken

crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pep-

peroni! Entrées change with the seasons Desserts are big and sweet. When the

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bles, burritos, and *panini* are filling. They have a little living room area

packed with books and a cool deck out

back. Coffee and a toasted bagel with

tomato and avocado are delicious. But

be good — Maria, the owner, is an ex-

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Closed Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Swaddee Thai 1001 C Avenue, Coro-

nado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swadee's quiet residential loca-

tion a block from the bright lights of Or-ange Avenue. Their loss is the locals'

gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is car-

ing and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard,

the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of

gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the *sate*, for instance, is classically balanced; the complex but

soothing coconut-chicken soup can

wash away all cares; and the calamari in

the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness

day brunch. Expensive. — A.M.

Thai Cafe — Coronado 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-522-0217. Tourists may not take this little opensided kiosk restaurant at Coronado's Ferry Landing seriously, but this has to be some of the best-prepared Thai food in the county. It's all laid out buffet style in chafing dishes. You can sample before you commit. They're all good. None of the watered-down versions of, say, green curry, you sometimes get elsewhere. Grilled satay is excellent, as are spicy basil chicken, panang curry, Thai pork salad, and tilapia topped with sweet veg-gies and Thai chili sauce. Pick two (the best deal), find a table under the shade of a fig tree. Go "Ommm." You're approaching nirvana. Daily, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; summer until 9:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Ye Olde Bicycle Place and Cafe 6792 University Avenue, La Mesa, 619 582-4024. You're eating in a museum here. You can nibble your *panini* and check out ancient bikes like Rudge's penny farthing or the three-seater bike the Three Stooges used. The little black-board menu's basically a list of toasted paninis and cold sandwiches. Each sandwich gets its name from the bike world. The Tandem is a double-decker peanut butter and jelly sandwich. The Tour de France has ham and Swiss on a croissant; the Tour d'Italia is salami, pepperoni, ham, cheese, and a pot of marinada. Add their rib-sticking chicken soup with wild rice and you'll have a cheap and enlightening lunch. 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday; 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Village Club Card Room 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Yes, it's mostly poker players, but any body can come in and order a meal. And here's the thing: first-time players get their meal free. Of course, the idea is to keep players' bellies full so they can return to the game, so even second-timers get a deal with down-home comfort-dishes like grilled chicken breast sandwich, spaghetti with meatballs and gar-lic bread, or garlic shrimp with fried rice and egg, plus Chinese dishes including Kung Pao beef or chicken, Mongolian beef, and a good wonton soup with noo-dles. Cardroom open and non-Chinese food menu available 24 hours: Chinese menu noon to 4 a.m. Inexpensive. -

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Bad-Boy Visionary

JEFF SMITH

"While history never repeats itself exactly, it rhymes."

f you judged only by externals, you'd swear that Jonathan Waxman, protagonist of Sight Unseen, has it all. Waxman's a "bad-boy visionary" artist who had an eight-page feature in the New York Times Sunday magazine. He's

in such demand he sells Waxman futures: he has a waiting list for work he's yet to do. People from Park Avenue to Tokyo are buying his paintings "sight unseen.'

Nine years earlier, when he painted apart-- the walls, that is - Waxman never imagined what a whirlpool artistic success could be. His fame's lasted way beyond 15 minutes (even though he says he's become "passé," others swear he's still the "cat's pajamas"). What he misses now, as he's having a retrospective of his work in London, are his 15 minutes of inspiration — 17 years ago.

Waxman drives up M4 from Heathrow to a rustic farmhouse in Norfolk. He wants to see Patricia one more time. She modeled for his best student work and became his lover. On the day of his mother's funeral, 15 years ago, Waxman dumped Patricia. Now he must see her, but why? Lord his success over her? Ask forgiveness? Rediscover his lost inspiration? Or just make some kind of connection somewhere. anywhere?

A story rarely has just two sides. Good ones can have a dozen. Donald Margulies's Sight Unseen fits

the latter group: it refuses to stand still. Each of Waxman's motives could, or could not. He's a montage of contradictions and one tough read, because what he says at any point, he believes. Then, an instant later, he believes something else.

> Two examples: Waxman tells Patricia's husband Nick that art isn't about the artist's intention; it's in the eye of the beholder. Then Waxman hits the ceiling

when Nick interprets a painting superficially. During an interview, Waxman boasts that his sudden fame amused him. Then the interviewer notes that, two years before his first success, Waxman hired a public relations firm.

A few decades ago, critics would have labeled Waxman as badly written: too inconsistent. Characters must be "unified," they'd say, not a jumble of conflicting impulses. Today, Waxman's one of the best examples we have of a deconstructed character. There's more to him than meets the eye, not less (deconstruction doesn't mean tearing down; it's more a filling in, often to excess). He's talented, arrogant, hurt, defensive, successful, hip, lost, and their opposites. Unity is what he craves. Though he drives a fancy car, he feels he's always on the wrong side of the road.

Sight Unseen moves back in time — like Sondheim's Merrily We Roll Along (also about an artist who has lost his way) and Pinter's Betrayal. Given the degree of technical experimentation, you'd think Sight would be



Kelly McAndrew, Anthony Crane in Sight Unseen

Sight Unseen by Donald Margulies

San Diego Museum of Art, Balboa Park

Directed by Esther Emery; cast: Anthony Crane, Ron Choularton, Kelly McAndrew, Katie Fabel; scenic design, Nick Fouch; costumes, Laurie Churba; lighting, Chris Rynne; sound, Paul Peterson Playing through September 7; Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday

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stiff and depersonalized. It isn't. It's alive. Margulies calls the play's structure "cubist": it resembles a slowly turning prism, revealing new, unexpected twists.

Since bulldozers leveled the Cassius Carter Centre Stage recently to make room for a new theater, the Old Globe is mounting Sight at the San Diego Museum of Art. The in-the-round temporary space looks a lot like the Carter, minus some entrances and technical capabilities (economist Morgan Reynolds said, "While history never repeats itself exactly, it rhymes").







Although the opening-night performances had some rough edges, especially pacing, which needed a brisker clip, the production overall served the script. Laurie Churba's costumes range from jet-set chic to Northern England functional. Nick Fouch's minimal set links a polished black floor (which works for Waxman's interview but not for his collegiate years) with primitive wooden planks for Nick and Patricia's "cold" farmhouse.

Last January, the San Diego Theater Critics Circle gave Esther Emery an award for excellence in directing — in part for how she probes the emotional core of a play. Her work with Sight should earn her more opportunities.

As Grete, the interviewer with an agenda, Katie Fabel's German accent is too thick on occasion. Ron Choularton, another San Diegan, could pick up his cues but portrays Nick's many sides with skill. Initially he comes off as a terse bumpkin. After a few shots of scotch, he's a passionate, albeit reactionary, art critic. And in the end he's marbled with pain. Kelly McAndrew is first-rate as roller-coasting Patricia. She's so torn, her feelings are never pure: they come in bunches, and usually in competition with each other.

Jonathan Waxman's an entire zodiac (one of Margulies's ironies: on stage his painting remains sight unseen, so we can't determine for ourselves how good he is — which keeps us off balance). At times, Anthony Crane tries to unify Waxman, connecting the signs, glossing over contradictions. Crane's much more effective, however, when he keeps Waxman in the moment, reacting to the world he made — or, more to the point, that made him. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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All's Well That Ends Well

Most of Shakespeare's romantic comedies begin with an arranged marriage: the female's father chooses for her. But what if the golden slipper were on the other foot? What if the woman — Helena in All's Well - were free to name her mate with the King's blessing? And what if her intended — rich young Bertram — flat refuses enforced wedlock and would rather go to war than marry beneath his station? In effect, Shakespeare takes a social given of the time and dumps it on its ear. Helena persists; Bertram flees (and becomes a lying womanizer); then she really persists. At the Old Globe, director Darko Tresnjak relocates the play in Victorian times, which allows Linda Cho to dress the cast in cold, formal charcoals, the soldiers in bright red and black. Tresnjak counters the

stiff-upper-lip surface with bawdy touches, including a frontal view of Michelangelo's Goliath-sized statue David upstage (and upstaging all below). As Bertram and Helena, Graham Hamilton and Kimberly Parker Greene are adequate. The fun's in the secondary roles: Jim Winker's crotchety King ("wrapped in dismal thinkings"), Kandis Chappell, Charles Janasz, and musicvoiced Celeste Ciulla, Bruce Turk is special as Parolles who, like Helena, becomes a threat to the male-domi nated social order. Over the years, audiences and critics have had a "problem" with the play. But I never have. Its perplexities are much more lifelike than most of the happy-enders (how many weddings have you attended where people whisper, "Give it six months" and are being optimistic?). All may be well that ends well, but at the ending of All's Well, Helena and Bertram have only just begun. Worth a try.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 8 P.M. TUESDAYS, 8 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28.

Altar Bovz

The Welk Resort Theatre presents the musical comedy spoof about a fictitious Christian boy-band on the last night of their national "Raise the Praise" tour. Nick De-Gruccio directed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. THURSDAYS, 1:45 AND 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS. 1:45 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 1:45 P.M. TUESDAYS, 1:45 AND 8 P.M. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 14

Anything Goes

Cole Porter's musical classic, about antics aboard the S.S. American gets an outdoor staging at the Kit Carson Amphitheater. Songs include "I Get a Kick Out of You" and "You're the Top." KIT CARSON PARK, 3333 BEAR VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO, FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH AU-

Boomers

Lamb's Players Theatre reprises one of its most popular shows. In this salute to the Baby Boom generation, when a guy sings a snippet from "Big Girls Don't Cry" a woman counters with "It's My Party and I'll Cry If I Want To," as if Leslie Gore wrote the song in response to the Four Seasons. Now in its fourth — fifth? — version, Boomers has grown a great deal since it premiered in 1993. It's added social dimensions (the original was mostly about middle-class whites), more period details, and a much better understanding of one's later years (gained from experience: authors Kerry Meads and Vanda Eggington are now 15 years older). Ostensibly the piece is a lecture about the generation from 1946 to

1964. A deliberately, sometimes annoyingly, crotchety Jim Chovik recalls major events and provides statistics, from JFK to Kent State (but leaves out Jackson State!), from hippies to yuppies, marriage to divorce, and beyond. Themes from TV commercials and shows zip past, medleys of parts of songs cluster around a theme (Vietnam, relationships), and the evening unfolds like a game of "name that tune" in fast-forward. Boomers in the audience gulp "oh's" of recognition when a musical fragment triggers memories. One could wish that, at least once or twice, the company would do a whole song (let Anise Ritchie's Aretha-strong voice do all of "Respect"; or Keith Jefferson all of "I Heard It Through the Grapevine"). One could also wish that the characters weren't so one-note (Bill Doyle's hippie must express the same Owsley-marinated perplexity at least ten times). But the performances overall are quite good, as are Meads's direction and the four-piece backup band. You won't learn why the pump don't work or how good brown sugar can taste, but if you're of a certain era, Boomers will time-machine you back in a lively manner.

Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, 619-234-9583. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SUN DAYS, 2 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH AUGUST 31.

Cadillacs of Comedy

Carlsbad Village Theater hosts the comedy group that vows to "take the funny business from crass to class in 4.7 seconds." CARLSBAD VILLAGE THEATRE, 2808 STATE STREET, CARLSBAD. 760-434-5944, FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. OPEN-ENDED RUN

A Chorus Line

Broadway*San Diego hosts a touring production of Michael Bennett's Pulitzer Prize-winning musical about 17 dancers auditioning for a new Broadway musical, who talk of hopes and dreams and a life in the chorus. Bob Avian directed. SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVENUE, DOWNTOWN. 858-570-1100. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 1 AND 6 P.M. THROUGH AUGUST 17

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The Joy Luck Club

Asian American Repertory Theatre stages Susan Kim's adaptation of the Amy Tan novel about four Chinese immigrant mothers and their relationships with their Americanborn daughters. Peter James Cirino directed

ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS, 4580-B ALVARADO CANYON ROAD, GRANTVILLE. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATUR DAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 14.

The Merry Wives of Windsor

Shakespeare on short notice: legend has it that Queen Elizabeth wanted a play featuring Falstaff in love. The Bard had, the legend says, two weeks to write the five-act comedy. The script takes longer than his others to get going. And once it does, it's mostly setups and punch lines. Shakespeare used a fascinating shortcut, however: he didn't have time to develop characters, so he gave them distinct voices and turned the stage into a Babel of warped idioms. For the Old Globe, director Paul Mullins reset the play in the Old West, Ralph Funicello's versatile, stained-wood set becomes a dusty street, a dance-hall saloon, and a moonlit forest (okay, the relocation doesn't work 100 percent). Denitsa Bliznakova's multilavered costumes make the transition from buckram to buckskin with ease. If the production has a concept, it would be "Merry Wives is goofy. We're honoring that. Enjoy." Mullins's large cast communicates the fun of doing one farcical lick after another. As Falstaff, Eric Hoffman's opening night was, at best, okay. Hoffman pushed for emotional breadth almost to the point of straining his voice (plus,

Falstaff relishes language as much as he does capons; Hoffman gave his words more utilitarian deliveries). Some individuals shine. Katie MacNichol and Celeste Ciulla, as the merry mistresses Ford and Page, bookend the show with schemes and class (a favorite bit: at one point they adopt a 19th-Century melodramatic style and frolic with histrionics). White hair down to his shoulders, Jonathan Mc-Murtry looks like Wild Bill Hickock, until he draws his six-shooters and terrorizes the town. Wynn Harmon's Caius, a French doctor in an aqua jacket, malaprops amusingly, Deborah Taylor, Charles Janasz, and Sloan Grenz enhance scenes. And Bruce Turk, as Frank Ford, turns a minor character into a Falstaff-sized, green-eyed dupe. Worth a trv. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE

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My Fair Lady

Starlight Theatre stages Lerner and Loewe's majestic musical, based on George Bernard Shaw's Pygmalion, in which a professor of philology

and phonetics transforms a young woman from Lisson Grove. STARLIGHT MUSICAL THEATRE, SOUTH PAN AMERICAN PLAZA, BALBOA PARK. 619-544-7827. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SUNDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH AU-GUST 31.

National Comedy Theatre

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests while grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. Using suggestions from the audience, they play "Emotional Sympathy," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners get booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It makes for a lively, often funny evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, 619-295-4999. FRIDAYS, 7:30 AND 9:45 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7:30 AND 9:45 P.M. OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Pretty Fire

In one sense, Charlayne Woodard has lived to prove a doctor wrong. She was born premature, she says in her solo piece; one pound, eight ounces and "blue-black." She wasn't supposed to live, a doctor said, and if she did, she'd never be "normal." In five scenes — which move from her birth (and her grandfather appealing to an authority higher than MDs) to age 11 (when she discovers her singing voice) Woodard's solo show proves the doctor both wrong and right. She lived, but she isn't "normal." She's blessed with artistic gifts as an actor, singer, and storyteller. Pretty Fire (the ironic title refers to one of America's most hideous sights) grows in narrative drive as Charlayne grows. The earlier sections could use tightening, and the piece in general unfolds like a 90-minute script expanded to two hours with an intermission. At the Lamb's Players Theatre one can't fault Tracy Hughes for the slow spots. She gives her all in every scene, a tour de force combining her rich singing voice with eloquent silences (when faced with racism and brutality for the first time, she almost seems to implode; and during these moments the spellbound audience is hear-a-pin-drop mute). Hughes creates at least a dozen characters so sharply crafted it's as if you've known them all along. Kerry Meads's precise, almost gymnastic direction ranks among her best work. Robert Smyth's spare twolevel set includes a seashell-shaped fan, like 25 tines of a huge bamboo rake, on the rear wall. Nate Peirson's lighting illumines the fan with cascades of raindrops then burns an ugly fire.

Worth a try.
LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO. 619-437-0600, THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SUN-DAYS, 2 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7.

Push Up

As a fundraiser, Backyard Productions presents a staged reading of Roland Schimmelpfennig's comedy, which asks, "How far would you go to push your way up the corporate ladder?" Jessica John directed.

CYGNET THEATRE - ROLANDO, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, SUITE N. COL-LEGE AREA. 619-337-1525. MONDAY, 7 P.M. TUESDAY, 7 P.M.

The Receptionist Adam Bock's Kafkaesque comedy is tricky to talk about, since everything depends on what you don't know. It takes place in the reception room of the "northeast office" of some sort of company (what kind is the tricky part; let's just say they don't make widgets). We witness daily office life. Edward Raymond, the boss, talks about letting healthy fish go and eating only the damaged ones (who receive a painless bleed-out in his loving hands) and how "everything out there is eating something." His second-in-command, Lorraine, complains about her ex, a narcissist from whose ardent self-regard she can't quite disconnect. And poor, harried Beverly, the receptionist, carries on several conversations, and handles several crises, at once, while rarely completing a sentence. Bock's sharp

dialogue combines crisp patter with steep nonverbal gulfs, which the Cygnet Theatre production always stresses to good effect. Wearing Jeannie Reith's somber charcoal business attire (which gain meaning as the 80minute show evolves), and ably directed by Sean Murray, the cast catches the play's contrary tones with precision. Melinda Gilb's a hoot as Beverly, chameleon of various attitudes, depending on the moment. Jo Anne Glover turns Lorraine (played as a dumb blonde in the original) into an amazingly dimensional creation. Excellent work. Sean Cox is appropriately slick as the aptly named Mr. Dart, and Dale Morris expertly makes Edward Raymond seem one of the world's kindliest bosses. Sean Fanning's photorealistic office has such a lived-in quality it must have been there before they built the theater. And Eric Lotze's lighting shifts from institutional neon to bold, expressionist Axis of Evil effects.

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE — ROLANDO, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, SUITE N, COL-LEGE AREA, 619-337-1525, THURS-DAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATUR-DAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH AU-GUST 31.

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Romeo and Juliet

For the Old Globe, director Richard Seer wisely sets Shakespeare's tragedy in its time. Romeo and Juliet lived when a land-based economy was still the norm. Vows, like marriages and one's social station, were permanent, and their love was absolute. Anna R. Oliver's costumes include the slashed fronts and sleeves of the period. Iron gates and stained-glass windows dominate Ralph Funicello's stainedwood set. And York Kennedy's splendid lighting finds that mystical source, somewhere above and to the side, that illumines the works of Tintoretto and Caravaggio: amid darkness the lovers glow. Stage pictures resemble paintings. Some echo each other, as when Juliet's hand reaches down for Romeo, from the balcony and from the tomb. But Seer breaks the picture frame, so to speak, when Romeo and Juliet address speeches to the audience. If the choice was meant to endear them to us, they don't need it (I can't think of anyone audiences could care more about). And including us in their private thoughts breaks their tragic isolation. The night I caught the show, Graham Hamilton — and the production overall — settled in about a third of the way through. At first Hamilton dashed off his poetry as if it were prose. Later he hit his accents and began to mean what Romeo meant. Heather Wood not only expresses Juliet's youth and intelligence, she has a naturally melodic voice that only rings false when she tries to add melody to it. The production offers strong visuals, and the story, as so often in Shakespeare, works on elemental levels. But the second half's a mite stately and restrained. It honors the Bard but could improve if it unleashed the tragedy's opera-like impulses. Romeo and Juliet runs in repertory with The Merry Wives of Windsor and All's Well That Ends Well. Call the theater for days and times of each. Worth a try.

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Sailor's Song

New Village Arts is restaging its popular production, which earned director Kristianne Kurner the San Diego Critics Circle's Craig Noel Award for best direction in 2007. Rich never found a "breakthrough cause" that would put him "on the other side, with the people who know they're alive." Rarely in theater has someone so confused been so eloquent. And that goes for all of John Patrick Shanley's characters in his 90-minute "watercolor." Everyone makes summary statements about life and the need to make fundamental choices (take the bird in the hand; forget the two in the bush). The play thinks its ideas for you. Rich goes back, in memory, to a time when he should have chosen between two women ("choose one, even the mad one," his uncle urged, "and let the other go"). But Rich preferred to suspend the moment just prior. The New Village Arts's excellent production makes mystical what the play renders ex-

plicit. Before a wall of stars, actors waltz to Strauss's "Blue Danube," a rowboat actually rows across the set, a Dance of Death unfolds to Otis Redding's immortal "Try a Little Tenderness." Director Kristianne Kurner and choreographers Robin Christ and Kathy Meyer create the fluid dreamscapes everyone tells Rich to avoid. Amanda Sitton and Amanda Morrow charm as the sisters Lucy and Joan, the former "normal," she says, the latter a spirit medium. Morrow gets the best line. When Lucy pleads her case for Rich's love, she says that just because Joan "can see around a corner once in a while doesn't make her sane." (Note: the new version has two cast changes - Joshua Everett Johnson now plays Rich and Manny Fernandes plays gruff, sagacious Uncle John.) Worth a trv.

NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE STREET, CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 3 AND 8 P.M. SUN-DAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH AUGUST 24.

Sight Unseen

The Old Globe Theatre stages Donald Margulies's intriguing drama about an artist, headed to England for a retrospective of his work, who takes a personal inventory. Esther Emery directed. SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART. 1450 EL PRADO, BALBOA PARK. 619-232-7931. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7 P.M. WEDNES-DAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7.

Spring Awakening

Broadway*San Diego hosts the eight-time Tony-winning Broadway musical based on Frank Wedekind's 1891 play about the self-discovery and budding sexuality of three teenagers. Michael Mayer (Tony winner) directed. BALBOA THEATRE, 854 FOURTH AV-ENUE, DOWNTOWN. 619-570-1100. FRI DAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 1 AND 6 P.M. TUES-DAYS, 7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7 P.M THROUGH AUGUST 31.

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We're in a garage, and Jonathan's reached a "pre-midlife crisis": he's about to turn 30 (in 1990). Are his dreams of a groundbreaking career in musical theater just fantasies he should abandon? His clock's ticking. A tragic aura hovers over Stone Soup Theatre's vibrant, minimalist show. "Ionathan" is the late Ionathan Lar-

son, creator of Rent, and the musical details his struggles prior to the breakthrough. As the show's 14 rock-based songs attest, Larson paid his dues in full (and died, of an aortic aneurysm, at age 35). Intense doubts wage war with the courage needed to trust his talent. Young Jim Chatham stars as Jonathan, giving vent to anxieties with a flexible voice and focused energy that never flags during the 90-minute show. Briona Daugh erty and Eric Vest play multiple characters, from Larson's exiting girlfriend (loved their rational dis cussion/phone fight in "Therapy") to his financially successful roommate with three Gucci belts, Michael (Vest also scores as Larson's soft-spoken father). It feels strange, at first, to sit 15 feet away from performers wearing head mikes (especially a talented trio that obviously doesn't need them), but the garage-band concept works. Stone Soup's designers combine a work-in-progress look with surprisingly professional polish. 619-287-3065.

Worth a try.

TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH AU-

Gays in the military — in World War II. David and Joseph Zellnik's musical begins today, in San Francisco. A young man finds a battered diary kept by a soldier named Stu. Amid torn and missing pages, the diary's heartfelt and sketchy. The young man wonders who Stu was and why he wrote some sections in code. In a flashback, the young man becomes Stu, and the musical moves from basic training, in WWII, to the Pacific front. Stu discovers his sexuality, falls for a solider named Mitch, and faces extreme consequences. Unlike Stars and Stripes, which was mostly propaganda and puff pieces, Yank! was a magazine written "by the servicemen, for the servicemen" and boasted a more realistic account of the war. The musical unfolds from Stars and Stripes optimism in Act One to unvarnished Yank! themes in Act Two. The book, especially the longish first act, could use a trim (it tries to cover so much ground that lulls result). But the tight, flashy, and moving Diversionary Theatre production is outstanding. Director Igor Goldin has staged the musical before, and it shows in the precision of scenes, in his choreography, and in

the confidence of his ensemble cast. Accompanied by pianist Amy Dalton and percussionist Nathan Hubbard. they break into rousing WWII buddy numbers in Act One and more plaintive, torchlike songs in Act Two. The design's so simple screens, like upright trampolines, move and change locales - it's eloquent. There are no weak links in the ensemble, but two performances stand way out. Tom Zohar shines as Stu; he sings and dances with pizzazz and combines vulnerability with a quietly fierce courage. Decked out in Jennifer Brawn Gitting's stunning costumes and Missy Bradstreet's voluminous wigs, Amy Biedel plays a dozen women, sings wondrously (especially the haunting "Blue Twilight"), and alone is worth twice the price of admission.

Critic's pick.

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Woodwork

The omniscient narrator spares him a heap of expository labor.

au can't claim that Woody Allen's rapid rate of production doesn't show. Even the title of his latest handiwork sounds more like brainstorming for a title than like a final decision, Vicky Cristina Barcelona.

Three names off the chalkboard of keywords. Vicky and Cristina, two separate people, are dissimilar American

friends, the first pragmatic and steady, the second capricious and restless, together visiting Barcelona for the summer. (Allen's British sojourn seems to be over, though he's not ready to come home.) The young women are picked up in tandem by a brooding Catalan artist with a legendarily tempestuous love life, flown off to Oviedo, seduced in sequence, separated by choice. Then the artist's ex-wife reenters the scene after her attempted suicide, setting up a ménage. The film is almost more a sketch than a fully filled-in picture, a skeleton thin on flesh. (If Allen tends to hurry his ideas, it may be because he always has new ones waiting to join the queue. More than he can get to in a lifetime.) The dialogue, much of it in the writer's laziest declarative vein — I'm this, you're that, he or she's the other — has

not been polished anywhere near his brightest sparkle. A telling moment: the fadeout of sound in the middle of a dinner-table joke. At another time he might have felt obligated to rummage up an actual joke at that

juncture. No more. And the dryasdust omniscient narrator spares him a heap of expository labor: "One

evening Mark and Judy took them to the opening of a friend's art gallery."

The half-baked aspect has its upside. In consequence of the cut corners and rushed development, a lot happens in only ninety minutes, and Allen can lay out on a broad canvas his vision of human discontentment and self-ignorance. He can lay it out as a pattern, not as an isolated instance. The complicating appearance of Penelope Cruz as the ex-wife, shrewdly put off till just past the halfway point, is a potent pick-me-up in a flagging narrative, a powerfully physical, sensual, passionate presence that deliciously shows up the callow blankness of Scarlett Johansson and Rebecca Hall. The latter, for her induction into Allen's universe. appears to have pored over his oeuvre in order to "learn" the language, and she comes off sounding decidedly



Vicky Cristina Barcelona

"studied," more exactly sounding like Mia Farrow ca. 1982-92. (Johansson, a virtual repertory player in her third Allen film, may be rhythmically suggestible, but is solidly anchored in her very own hoarseness.) Cruz's Spanish accent, no more than Javier Bardem's as the sybaritic artist, but marginally more than the British accents of the recent past, guards against conscious or

unconscious lapses into Allenese. Barcelona itself, although it scarcely qualifies as a "character" on a par with Vicky and Cristina, gets flattered as rhapsodically as Manhattan in *Manhattan*. Not in black-and-white, let's be clear, but in melted butter.

I didn't mind, three summers ago, The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants. I especially didn't mind Blake Lively, whose fresh face I've hardly seen since (a supporting part in *Accepted*, a sophomoric college comedy), and who I gather has landed a lead role in the *Gossip Girl* television series. Good for her, but for me it's as if a new acquaintance just moved to Cincinnati. That's the end of that. The three others in the sisterhood all have, or have had, TV series of their own, which would



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effectively put them in Cleveland, Toledo, and Akron. America Ferrera, the one I see oftenest on the big screen, has the niftiest moves as an actress; Amber Tamblyn has the best name; Alexis Bledel has the most need of a good meal; and I still wouldn't mind if Blake Lively were to come back from Cincinnati to star in a movie for grownups. Neither did I much mind the current sequel, The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2, but not minding it is a far cry from an insatiable appetite for it. The girls have gone on to separate colleges (Yale, Brown, NYU, and the Rhode Island School of Design) and on to a different director (musicvideo veteran Sanaa Hamri) and on to unexciting new challenges (pregnancy scare, married boyfriend, long-lost grandmother, summer-stock role in Shakespeare), and the loss of the peripatetic pants at the end cannot be regretted if it means no further updates.

Pineapple Express is a buddy comedy, a stoner comedy, a crime comedy from the House of Apatow, about a user and his dealer — best friends on the run from the mob. As the two dopers, James Franco mimics the classic symptoms with dedication, while Seth Rogen is content to be Seth Rogen or else powerless to be otherwise. The rampant violence and gruesome mayhem are meant to be as full of merriment as, say, the puke on the computer printer or the English subtitle beneath the Asian thug, "Prepare to suck the cock of karma." It might be interesting as a penal experiment (for you Apatow devotees, that has nothing to do with the penis) to compel anyone amused by such stuff to sit through, in succession, George Washington, All the Real Girls, Undertow, and, from earlier this very year, Snow Angels. Those are the complete previous credits of the director, David Gordon Green, the new poster boy for the Indie Sellout. I myself would not advocate such an experiment, feeling as I do that bad taste is its own punishment. To impose any further hardship would be sadistic. (Eyelids propped open like Malcolm McDowell's in A Clockwork Orange.) I doubt, in any case, that those other four films, not very good in a different way, could teach any useful lessons.

James Marsh's Man on Wire takes a novel approach to the topic of the World Trade Center, a caper documentary (to coin a genre) on the forty-five-minute funambulist stunt undertaken in 1974 by the Frenchman Philippe Petit, walking a tightwire between the Twin Towers. The events of 9/11 are never mentioned, but they're an irrepressible subtext in the found footage of the site before and during construction, and in the cloak-and-dagger planning and execution of the covert assault on the Towers. One still photo of the wirewalker poised in midair even captures an overhead jet — at a safe clearance in the same frame. Because so much of the film consists of present-day talking heads (interwoven with blackand-white re-enactments and authentic archive footage), there's something a bit coy about the omission. Certainly the enormity of the later crime needn't be introduced in mitigation of Petit's mischief. But the disappearance of the Towers from the face of the earth would serve to underscore the singularity, the unrepeatability, of the stunt. Perhaps that goes literally without saying. And yet, if the Towers meant so much to Petit from the first moment he learned of the project (surreptitiously ripping a page out of a magazine at

the dentist's office), then it would be only natural to solicit from him something in the way of an elegy. The documentary's function as a caper thriller, meanwhile, is on balance a success. The narrative information doesn't always come in the best order or fullest form, and it comes with a good many interruptions and side trips, but the details of the operation will often, for one reason or another, boggle the mind. And although the undimmed history, along with the manifest survival of the talking heads, would seem to put a low ceiling on the suspense, anyone with the slightest touch of acrophobia will not, at the climax, be able to keep palms dry.

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American Teen — A slice of sociology. Documentarian Nanette Burstein follows

four principals through the stresses of senior year in Warsaw, Indiana: the Jock, the Princess, the Nerd, and the Rebel, all quite touching in different ways and degrees. Despite some stabs at MTV commercialism (animated fantasy sequences in contrasting styles), it's in the nature of real life, as well as in the law of averages, that the events will be unsensational. You'll have to settle for the snit of Miss Popularity when her Japanese prom theme loses out to a jungle theme ("I know it's wrong, but I just believe in getting even") and she thereupon sets out - on camera! - to toilet-paper the car of her nemesis and to spray-paint "fag" on his window, imperilling her dream of Notre Dame. (Of course the presence of a camera automatically raises questions of credibility. Did it somehow inspire or inflame the vandalism?) It's also in the nature of real life that it will be funny and embarrassing. Also that it won't add up to much.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

Bell, Book, and Candle — Witchcraft comedy, fittingly bewitching, from the John Van Druten stage play, exploring extensively the metaphor of love as a magical power, a spell, an enchantment, a transfigurement. Meaningful use of the Bohemian ambience of Greenwich Village (regardless how artificially reproduced on the backlot); smartly cast, from the top-billed James Stewart and Kim Novak (re-teamed, at a

different studio, in the same year as Vertigo, no less combustibly and, strange to say, much more believably) down through a bongo-drumming Jack Lemmon, a whisky-inhaling Ernie Kovacs, a mundanely sexy Janice Rule, the sisterly weirdies Hermione Gingold and Elsa Lanchester, not to forget the seal-point Siamese who plays Pyewacket, the witch's familiar; deftly directed by Richard Quine, who, in love with Novak in real life, got the absolute best of her on screen: Pushover, Strangers When We Meet, and this one, masterpieces in diverse genres, film noir, soap opera, romantic fantasy. 1958.

***** (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 8/14 AND 15, 8:30 P.M.)

Bottle Shock — Unpalatable promo for California wines, more broadly a paean to good old American know-how and a chance, at the same time, to stick it to the French, the British, the Old World. A competitive wine tasting in the Bicentennial year of 1976, boiled down as "a bunch of hicks taking on the French," has been freely fictionalized into a chipper comedy (or so we intuit from the prodding music), boasting bright photography, a spotty period atmosphere, a flimsy vinicultural backdrop, and, apart from Freddy Rodriguez in a small role, an assemblage of oddly unappealing people: the stereotyped snob (Alan Rickman), the tactless capitalist (Bill Pullman), the dippy hippie (Chris Pine), the

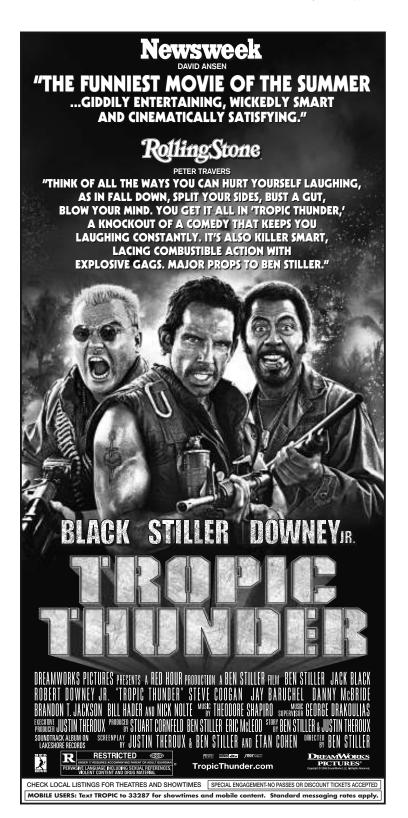
blithe blonde (Rachael Taylor), the snooty barmaid (Eliza Dushku), among others. Directed by Randall Miller. 2008.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 8/15)

Brideshead Revisited — The Evelyn Waugh novel revisited, at roughly a fourth the length of the early-Eighties TV miniseries. Matthew Goode, as the self-professed atheist artist Charles Ryder, murmurs his way through the pages of a radical rewrite (particularly the gay abandon): first year at Oxford, the tormented Catholics of Brideshead manor, Venice, Marrakesh, and so on. A white-haired Emma Thompson as the tyrannical Catholic matriarch supplies brief relief from the tedium. With Ben Wishaw, Hayley Atwell, and Michael Gambon; directed by Julian Jarrold. 2008. • (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PALM PROMENADE 24,

The Dark Knight — Fashionably "dark" comic-book movie, the first one to think of putting the darkness right up in the title — a synonym, that, for "the bat man," as he is frequently and unfamiliarly referred to, or simply Batman to you and me. Aside from the title, the second installment in Christopher Nolan's restyling of the DC Comics superhero earns no points as a trailblazer. It would earn none even were it the first installment, although we must acknowledge

FROM 8/15)





that this trend-follower sets itself apart as an exceedingly oppressive, grinding, grueling, torturous experience. (The relentless, rumbling, theater-rattling background music alone could be a health hazard to anyone with mild depressive tendencies.) It requires the stock figure of the Joker banish all memories of Jack Nicholson in Tim Burton's 1989 edition, "dark" though it was itself, as well as Cesar Romero in the glaringly light TV series from the Sixties to carry the banner and the burden of the post-9/11 terrorist. "Some men," Batman's manservant succinctly sums up the emblematic evildoer, "just want to watch the world burn." To strive to invest some psychological realism and topical relevance into this figure — the parched and cracked face paint, the raccoonish circles around the eyes, the greasy stringy hair, the obscenely writhing tongue, the adenoidal voice pitched somewhere between Al Franken and Bugs Bunny — is not only a losing battle but a foolish one. (Heath Ledger is the vanquished.) However high Nolan might pile on the gravity, however long he might stretch out the agony, the comic-book iconography inevitably simplifies and trivializes the moral debate: Can you fight fair when you fight terrorism? The truth is that Nolan's lack of faith in the superhero of olden days - the White Knight — goes hand in glove with a larger lack of faith in the fairy-tale form. He can't trust it to convey its import (in spite of all the scholarly efforts of Bruno Bettelheim, Joseph Campbell, et al.) without an addi-



Fly Me to the Moon

tive of grand-operatic bombast. Christian Bale, Aaron Eckhart, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Michael Caine, Gary Oldman, Morgan Freeman. 2008.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ESCONDIDO 16: FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA

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Fly Me to the Moon — Badly drawn houseflies (general conformation and consistency of troll dolls) stow away aboard Apollo 11. The 3D computer animation may escape the screen; it can't escape the insipidness. With the voices of Trevor Gagnon, David Gore, Philip Bolden, Christopher Lloyd, and (as himself) Buzz Aldrin; directed by Ben Stassen. 2008.

● (CHULA VISTA 10: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: LA COSTA 6; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; PALM PROME-NADE 24; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; FROM 8/15)

Frozen River — Smuggling drama written and directed by Courtney Hunt, with Melissa Leo, Misty Upham, Michael O'Keefe. (HILLCREST CINEMAS FROM 8/15)

Get Smart — Big-screen reincarnation of the late-Sixties TV spy spoof, no longer a saboteur of a thriving genre, but just another copycat grave-robber. Diligent homage is paid to the original ("Would you believe...," "Missed it by that much," etc.), and the jokes are cranked out industriously, and both Steve Carell and Anne Hathaway bring their own qualities to it (a transparent deadpan and a prissy irony, respectively), but mirth goes missing. With Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Alan Arkin, Terence Stamp, and James Caan; directed by Peter Segal, 2008.

★ (LA JOLLA 12)

may be summed up in the term "antisuperhero," or if you prefer it, "super-antihero." The hero, that is to say, possesses the full complement of comic-book superpowers, yet he boozes round the clock, goes days without shaving, dresses like a slob if not a bum (rejecting the conventional superhero's uniform as fit for a "homo"), is surly, rude, profane. Why he bestirs himself to pursue criminals is not apparent, but he never worries about collateral damage in the course of that pursuit, knocking down freeway signs, piling up cop cars, taking chunks out of skyscrapers, racking up a \$9 million repair bill in just the film's opening chase scene. The personality, in short, of an above-the-law pro athlete or rock star. The second idea, a late turn of plot, cannot be divulged. Then again, it is not really worth divulging. Nothing more, for that matter, is really worth divulging, if only because of the decision - the bad idea — the anti-idea — to sign up Peter Berg as the director, bringing to this juvenile fantasy the same cinéma-vérité affectations he brought to the ripped-from-theheadlines terrorist thriller, The Kingdom, or to the football docudrama, Friday Night Lights, the same jiggly, wavery, zoomy camerawork, the same pushy, tight, tunnelvision closeups. To put a movie in his hands is to put it in very shaky hands indeed. Never mind a special-effects blockbuster, Peter Berg could not be entrusted to shoot a child's birthday party. Will Smith, Jason Bateman, Charlize Theron. 2008. ■ (CARMEL MOLINTAIN: FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY

Hancock — Two ideas prevail. The first

RANCH 12: PALM PROMENADE 24: PLAZA BONITA 14)

Hellbov II: The Golden Army — A black mark on the record of director Guillermo del Toro, whose record, which started out so clean with Cronos in his native Mexico and Mimic in the Hollywood system, looks now a bit ink-stained: Blade II, the first and second Hellboy, and nothing else that comes close to those first two. If the panegyrized Pan's Labyrinth (immediately preceding) was itself overly clogged in its visuals, his present production has a lot more money, more graphic design, more CGI, more costumes, more makeup, etc., with which to be clogged. To try, amid the congestion, to pick out evidence of his personal obsessions with subterranean realms and creepy-crawly life forms has become a joyless, though not a fruitless, exercise. The pivotal scene in the movie, irksomely jokey already, is without doubt the drunken duet between the titular sunburned hero and his aquamarine sidekick, Abe, a lachrymose sing-along to Barry Manilow's "Can't Smile without You." (The red man is having troubles with his combustible new bride — "I would give my life for her, but she also wants me to do the dishes" — and the blue man has a crush on a flaxen-haired, powder-faced fairy princess, the sister of a netherworld insurrectionist scheming to overthrow humanity.) Some sorts of viewers - the immature, the tasteless, the silly — will possibly see this scene as the highlight, but the more seasoned are sure to feel it disqualifies the movie from its subsequent ponderings of the destruction of mankind, the eternal tug-of-war between self-interest and the commonweal, and the would-be wrenching death scene at the climax. They are likely to feel further that it disqualifies the movie from subsequent sequels. With Ron Perlman, Selma Blair, Doug Jones, Luke Goss, and Anna Walton. 2008

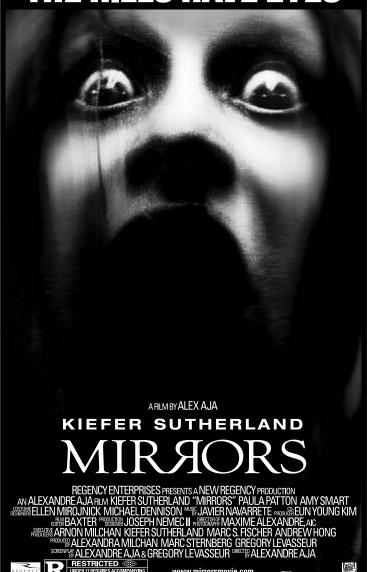
● (FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15: PALM PROMENADE 24)

Hell Ride — Writer and director and costar Larry Bishop officiates a shotgun marriage of the biker film and the spaghetti Western: a pig-in-shit frolic. Executiveproduced by Quentin Tarantino, Keeper of Low Standards. With Michael Madsen, Eric Balfour, Vinnie Jones, Dennis Hopper, and David Carradine. 2008.

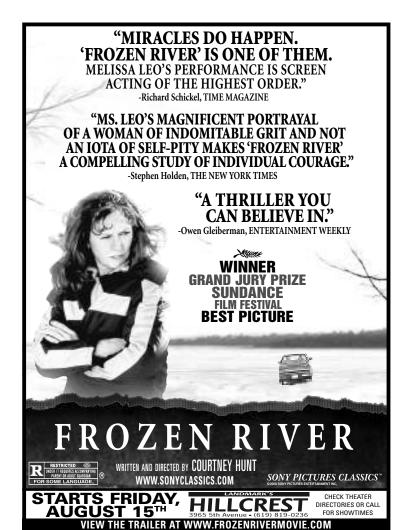
(HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Henry Poole Is Here — The new homeowner just wants to be left alone to drink himself to death, but his next-door neighbor sees the face of God (subtly rendered) in the water stain on the re-stucco. Is it a





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miracle, a new beginning? Is it significant that the pretty single mom on the opposite side is named Dawn? Matters of faith are treated with sincerity, but much more with schmaltz. And Luke Wilson is a natural barrier to sincerity, higher and wider even than his monotonously scoffing character. With Radha Mitchell, Adriana Barraza, Morgan Lily, Rachel Seiferth, George Lopez, and Cheryl Hines; directed by Mark Pellington. 2008.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARK-WAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18: FROM 8/15)

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull — Harrison Ford and Steven Spielberg rejoin forces, nineteen years later, for a fourth archaeological adventure. Ford, with his big-cat purr of a voice, remains an amiable fellow; and if he's a bit jowlier beneath that crumpled face (like a wadded-up piece of paper retrieved from the wastebasket and mostly smoothed out again), and if he occasionally throws in a disarming grumble or groan in recognition of his advancing years, he nonetheless keeps pace with the physical action, or else his director cleverly covers for him during it, so that he shows no such signs of wear and tear as would demand any added suspension of disbelief beyond the several tons suspended already in the prior adventures. Spielberg, for his part, eager to show that Munich burned no bridges, any more than Schindler's List or Amistad burned any, is still a superior technician. Superior, that is to say, to Michael Bay, Simon West, Brett Ratner, Roland Emmerich, Renny Harlin, John McTiernan, Jon Turteltaub, among other wannabes; and the relentless action scenes are always impressive in their engineering while never being in the least believable or involving. (A fencing bout conducted in side-by-side jeeps at top speed unfailingly focusses our attention on the filmmaker rather than on the fencers.) In the end — in the accumulation — the action grows more than a little tedious. Spielberg's technique is superior not only to others' technique but also to his own taste. A good long time, needless to stress, has gone by since the previous Indy adventure, and the new one can't be content to try to top just that one. It has to try to top, in addition, The Da Vinci Code, the National Treasure hunts, the Lara Croft adventures, et al. With a plot that links Roswell, New Mexico, to the Erich von Däniken theory of evolution, Spielberg keeps pace in that race as well. To say so is no great compliment. Cate Blanchett, Shia LaBeouf, Karen Allen, Ray Winstone, John Hurt, Jim Broadbent.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Iron Man — Marvel Comics superhero (vintage 1963) rerouted through presentday Afghanistan. Weapons manufacturer Tony Stark, alias "The Merchant of Death," learns first-hand that his products sometimes land in the laps of America's enemies, and to combat this he devises a personal suit of flying armor (a gold titanium alloy, actually, not iron), transforming himself into a sort of airborne Robocop to police the world. The current-events tie-in is fairly tasteless, given the conventional jokiness of the approach, aggravated by the couldn'tgive-a-shit affectation of Robert Downey, Jr., in the title role. With Gwyneth Paltrow, Jeff Bridges, Terrence Howard, and Shaun Toub: directed by Jon Favreau, 2008.

• (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Journey to the Center of the Earth — The Jules Verne novel serves as a factual guidebook for a week of unclenephew bonding. The 3D effects can be a bit crude (twice we get spat in the face, once drooled in the face), and it takes a while to reach the fun stuff (the flying fish, the flesh-eating plants, the floating rocks, the lone dino), but at least the fun stuff is fun. With Brendan Fraser, Josh Hutcherson, and Anita Briem; directed by Eric Brevig. 2008.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10)



Henry Poole Is Here

Kit Kittredge: An American Girl —

Social consciousness for kids, an orgy of benevolence, generosity, trust, fellowship, and so on, among the needy in Depressionera Cincinnati, with a few not-very-nice party poopers thrown in as object lessons. The lachrymose Abigail Breslin, in the title role of a ten-year-old cub reporter, has plenty of opportunity to promote herself as the preteen Meryl Streep. With Julia Ormond, Chris O'Donnell, Max Thieriot,

Glenne Headly, Joan Cusack, Stanley Tucci, Jane Krakowski, and Wallace Shawn; directed by Patricia Rozema. 2008.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; GASLAMP 15)

The Last Mistress — Adaptation of a mid-19th-century novel by Barbey d'Aurevilly, one of the bellwethers in the corruption of the Romantic Movement: the depletion of the heroic individualist and the ascendance of the *femme fatale*, the man-

men (her literary contemporary), will be seen literally licking the blood from a bullet hole in the hero's chest. This is a juicy role, perhaps the juiciest to date, for the snaggletoothed, baggy-eyed, crow-voiced Asia Argento, the role of a woman whose charms are not outwardly obvious. She not only fits that criterion (charms, yes; obvious, not so much), she fits additionally the classic pattern of the dark temptress set in opposition to the blondness and blandness of the paragon of virtue, her lover's fiancée. If Argento's evident breast implants and glimpsed tailbone tattoo argue against her usefulness in a period piece, she nonetheless brings to the role what it wants most, a threat of danger. The cigarillo, the spit curl, the gypsy garb can do only so much on their own; the actress convincingly ties them together into a pathology. Of course the director, Catherine Breillat, brings a threat of danger herself. But even as the de rigueur sex scenes are moderately explicit, they're a marked retreat from the envelopepushing extremes of her Romance, The Fat Girl, Anatomy of Hell, and they're in short supply. Breillat, a bit bogged down in talky exposition as well as in a disproportionate and ill-placed flashback, is plainly in no hurry to assault any barriers or to generate facile sensation. She demonstrates herself to be completely committed to the period, the costumes, the settings, the sentiments, in

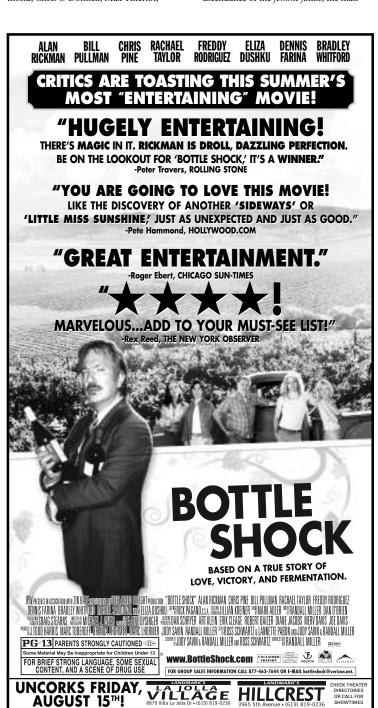
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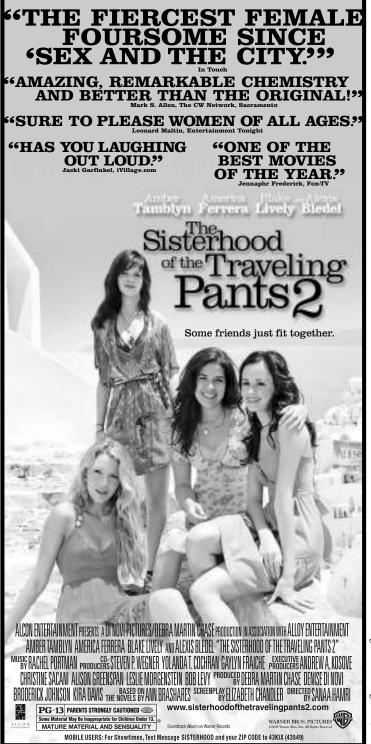
lar mistress, a native of Spain, land of Car-

short the total sense of reality, recorded in crystalline photography and unadorned with meddlesome background music. Her societal portrait, filtered through the sensibility of a capital-R Romantic, has almost a documentary instructiveness. Fu'ad Aït Aattou, Roxane Mesquida, Claude Sarraute, Michael Lonsdale. 2008.

★★★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; THROUGH 8/14)

Mamma Mia! — The Catherine Johnson stage musical brought to the screen under its stage director, Phyllida Lloyd: a romantic-comic bauble about a scheduled wedding on a Greek island, to which the bride to-be, unknown to her mother, has invited the three men who are sole candidates to be her biological father. (All three prove to be remarkably uncurious and acquiescent guys.) But that's a mere pretext for the players at short intervals to warble tunes from the ABBA songbook. Among the things that might be said about the movie are (a) that ABBA, infectious though they can be, are not exactly the Beatles, as witness the latter's similar use in Across the Universe; (b) that another and better wedding movie, Muriel's Wedding, had already successfully plundered the ABBA songbook, without asking its cast to do the singing; (c) that this cast for the most part are not singers (Pierce Brosnan in full throat looks as if his head's about to explode), although no apologies need be





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made for Meryl Streep, who, besides her lusty belting, supplements her usual emotion-plumbing with some peppy physicality; (d) that the natural settings, clearly, brightly, sunnily photographed, somewhat temper the inherent campiness; and (e) that this tempering, in a work of such fragile artifice, is not necessarily a good thing. To get down to a couple of specifics, the "Super

Trouper" number on the eve of the wedding is a definite high point, and despite the shortage of competition for high points, the closing credits are well worth hanging on for, providing two higher points in the form of encores — twin peaks, if you please — with Streep and her bosom buddies (the blissfully confident Christine Baranski and the indomitably plucky Julie

Walters) stepping off the Greek island and onto a secluded concert stage, in disco-era Vegas costumes. With Amanda Seyfried, Colin Firth, Stellan Skarsgard, and Dominic Cooper, 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4: GROSSMONT CENTER: HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 7: MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Man on Wire — Reviewed this issue. With Philippe Petit, Annie Allix, Jean-Louis Blondeau, and Alan Welner; directed by

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Mirrors — Fright film by Alexandre Aja, with Kiefer Sutherland, Paula Patton, and Amy Smart.

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MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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Town Square 14

nont Drive (858-274-1234) The Dark Knight (PG-13); Mamma Mia! (PG-13); Mirrors (R); The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG-13); Pineapple Express (R); The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG-13); Space Chimps (G); Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG); Step Brothers (R); Swing Vote (PG-13); Tropic Thunder (R); Vicky Cristina Barcelona (PG-13); WALL-E(G)

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) Hancock (PG-13); Hellboy II: The Golden Army (PG-13); Henry Poole Is Here (PG); Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (G); Mirrors (R); Mongol (R); The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG-13); Roman Polanski: Wanted and Desired (Unrated): Sex and the City (R); The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG-13); Space Chimps (G); Tropic Thunder (R); WALL-E (G); The X-Files: I Want to Believe (PG-13)

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:50, 3:45) 6:35, 7:05, 9:50, 10:20; **Indiana** Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG-13) Fri. (4:10) 10:10 Sat.-Sun. 4:10, 10:10; Iron Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:20) 7:20: Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri. (1:05, 4:05) 7:15, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:05. 7:15, 9:35; **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 4:20) 7:10, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:20, 7:10, 10:05; Pineapple Express (R) Fri. (12:05, 1:15, 1:45, 2:40, 3:50, 4:30, 5:15) 6:30, 7:10, 7:50, 9:10, 9:45, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 1:15, 1:45, 2:40, 3:50) 4:30, 5:15, 6:30, 7:10, 7:50, 9:10, 9:45, 10:25; **Star Wars: The Clone Wars** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00) 6:30, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 3:30) 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00; Step Brothers (R) Fri. (12:20, 2:45, 5:05) 7:25, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:05, 7:25, 9:45; **Swing Vote** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10p.m.); A Very Special Love (NR) Fri. (12:15, 2:35, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:35) 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Vicky Cristina Barcelona (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 2:55, 5:20) 7:40, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 2:55) 5:20,

7:40, 10:05: Wanted (R) Fri (12:25, 3:00, 5:30) 8:00, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 3:00) 5:30,

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Iolla Drive (858-558-2262) The Dark Knight (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:40) 12:30, 3:05, 4:00, 6:30, 7:20, 10:00, 10:45 Sun. (11:40) 12:30, 3:05, 4:00, 6:30, 7:20, 9:55; **Get** Smart (Pg-13) Fri.-Sun. 6:50, 9:40; Henry Poole Is Here (PG) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:40, 10:15 Sun. 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00; **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:50) 1:35, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55 Sun. (10:50) 1:35, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50; **Mirrors** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:45) 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:50 Sun. 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:35; The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00) 1:55, 4:50, 7:50, 10:40 Sun. (11:00) 1:55, 4:50, 7:50, 10:30; **Pineapple** Express (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:15) 2:05, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (11:15) 2:10, 5:00, 7:45, 10:25; **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:45) 1:40, 4:35, 7:30, 10:25 Sun. (10:45) 1:40, 4:35, 7:25, 10:05; **Star Wars: The** Clone Wars (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **Swing Vote** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:55) 1:50, 4:45, 7:35, 10:35 Sun. 1:50, 4:45, 7:35, 10:15; **Tropic Thunder** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:05, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 11:00 Sun. (11:05) 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 10:10; WALL-E (G)

La Jolla Village 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) **Bottle Shock** (PG-13) Fri. 1:40, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. 11:10, 1:40, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Brideshead Revisited (PG-13) Fri. 2:00, 4:50, 8:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 2:00, 4:50, 8:00; Tell No One (Ne le dis a personne) (NR) Fri. 2:10, 5:00, 8:15 Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 2:10, 5:00, 8:15; Vicky Cristina Barcelona (PG-13) Fri. 1:50, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 11:20, 1:50, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45

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4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221) Bell, Book and Candle (Not Rated); Sex, Lies, and Videotape (R)

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) American Teen (PG-13); The Dark Knight

(PG-13): Hancock (PG-13): Hellboy II: The Golden Army (PG-13); Mamma Mia! (PG-13); Mirrors (R); The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG-13); Pineapple Express (R); The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG-13); Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG); Step Brothers (R); Swing Vote (PG-13); Tropic Thunder (R); Vicky Cristina Barcelona (PG-13); WALL-E (G); The X-Files: I Want to Believe (PG-13)

Mission Valley 7

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Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) The Dark Knight (PG-13); Hancock (PG-13); Henry Poole Is Here (PG); Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG); Mamma Mia! (PG-13); Mirrors (R); The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG-13); Pineapple Express (R); The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG-13); Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG); Step Brothers (R); Swing Vote (PG-13); Tropic Thunder (R); Vicky Cristina Barcelona (PG-13); WALL-E (G)

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3D: A Prehistoric Adventure (NR) Sat.-Sun 1:00, 5:00; Sea Monsters: A Prehistoric Adventure (NR) Fri. 1:00, 5:00, 9:00

San Diego Natural History Museum 1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821) Ocean Oasis (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; Planet Earth: Fresh Water (NR) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00

EAST COUNTY

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Parkway Plaza 18

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LA MESA

Grossmont Center 10

500 Grossmont Center Drive (619-465-7100) The Dark Knight (PG-13); Mamma Mia! (PG-13); Mirrors (R); The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG-13); Pineapple Express (R); The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG-13): Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG); Step Brothers (R); Tropic Thunder (R); Vicky Cristina Barcelona (PG-13)

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264) The Dark Knight (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 11:00, 1:50, 2:15) 7:00, 7:30, 10:25, 10:50; **Han-cock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:25, 3:55) 7:40, 10:05; **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00, 4:25) 7:55, 10:30; **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:35, 4:20) 7:10, 9:55; **Mirrors** (R) Fri.-Sun (10:25, 1:15, 4:55) 8:15, 11:00: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 3:45) 7:15, 10:00;

Pineapple Express (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 11:20, 1:40, 2:10, 4:30, 5:00) 7:20, 7:50, 10:20, 10:50; The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:45, 4:40) 7:35, 10:40; **Star Wars: The Clone Wars** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 1:30, 4:15) 7:15, 9:45; **Step** Brothers (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:05, 4:50) 8:05, 11:10; Swing Vote (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:25, 10:20; **Tropic Thunder** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 11:25, 1:30, 2:00, 4:15, 4:35) 7:25, 8:00, 10:15, 11:00: WALL-E (G)

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Mongol — Genghis Khan, the formative years. Whatever he later might have been guilty of, here are the extenuating circumstances: the poisoning of his father, the abduction of his wife, his sale into slavery, etc., not to forget the burdensome birthright of all Mongols. It makes for a tedious case, sometimes enlivened by nice countryside and nice riding across it, but never much by the splashy bloodshed. With Tadanobu Asano, Khulan Chuluun, Honglei Sun, and Amadu Mamadakov; directed by Sergei Bodrov. 2007.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon

Emperor — As if this "franchise" were not already junked up (and joked up) enough, it now adds Asian martial arts, Shangri-La, computer-animated yetis, a snowy avalanche in place of a sandstorm, a three-headed dragon, a terra-cotta army, and more. Will the thrills ever commence? With Brendan Fraser, Maria Bello (taking over the Rachel Weisz role, British accent and all), Luke Ford, John Hannah, Jet Li, Michelle Yeoh, and Isabella Leong; directed by Rob Cohen. 2008.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL

MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARK-WAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SOUARE 14)

Pee-wee's Big Adventure — ${\it The}$ moviegoer's first introduction to Pee-wee Herman, and both of them should be very happy about it. Jerry Lewis would seem to be the comedian's closest screen cousin, at least in measurement of time, but he even bypasses Lewis in likeness to their silent-era forebears, with his complete and unalterable stylization from head to toe (from glazed ceramic face, that is, to mincing, teetering, geisha-girl step). Included also in that stylized head, to be sure, are a fully operative tongue and set of vocal cords, with an assortment of giggles and guffaws out of the repertoire of Bugs Bunny, Porky Pig, and their Warner Brothers stablemates, and a speaking voice like a slightly older brother of Lily Tomlin's Edith Ann. But enough of comparisons. In personality there has never been anyone quite like him. His continual responsiveness to stimuli in the world around him, and especially to self-generated stimuli whenever the world lets him down (e.g., the "mad dog" effect of toothpaste froth, or the face he constructs on his



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breakfast plate out of fried eggs, bacon, pancake, and strawberry) will no doubt be perceived in terms of childlikeness — or, since he is not an actual child, in terms of dementedness. But in his indefatigable alertness to the physical world he makes an example for intellectuals too. And his attitude toward that world is nothing short of philosophical. Directed by Tim Burton.

★★★ (MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART, LA JOLLA, 8/14, 8 P.M.)

Pineapple Express — Reviewed this issue. With Seth Rogen, James Franco, Danny McBride, Gary Cole, and Rosie Perez; directed by David Gordon Green. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Roman Polanski: Wanted and Desired — Marina Zenovich's documentary re-examination of the statutory-rape case against the exiled filmmaker.

(GASLAMP 15, FROM 8/15)

Sex and the City — The big-screen resuscitation of the defunct HBO series (1998-2004) runs, or better say sashays, two hours and twenty minutes. That's a lot of clothes and accessories, a lot of accompanying pop songs, a lot of chatty first-person narration, a lot of superficiality, a lot of vacuity. Maybe it would help if you had followed these four bosom buddies - the stringy Sarah Jessica Parker, the Amazonian Kim Cattrall, the pop-eyed Kristin Davis, the pinched Cynthia Nixon — throughout their six seasons of looking for love. To be sure, there's not much looking anymore, and yet not much relating, either: the men, now that they've been landed, are little more than accessories themselves. Tempestuous developments do occur: one of the buddies neglects to wax her pubes, one of them poops her pants, one of them packs on a spare bicycle tire, and the remaining one dyes her hair. (Symptoms of bigger things, but even so.) Maybe, on the other

hand, it would be better to follow these buddies no further. Written and directed by Michael Patrick King. 2008.

• (GASLAMP 15)

Sex, Lies, and Videotape — Ninety percent script (and ten percent clothes models out of a J. Crew catalogue), Steven Soderbergh's succès d'estime is no sort of triumph over its circumstances. It bears all the I.D. marks of a low-budget directorial debut. The sound is tinny and hollow. The lighting is blary. The image flow is sputtering. And the difficulty of fitting a 35mm camera into real locales is groaningly apparent in the proliferation of wide-angle shots and, even loudlier apparent, in a couple of high-angle, corner-of-the-room shots of the sort an undercover drug agent might select if he wanted to record a clandestine transaction between a nefarious Colombian and a U.S. Congressman. But what of the script? The romantic quadrangle at the heart of it is, for all its outward humanism, a highly hypothetical configuration that could never hold its shape, never have formed in the first place, outside the sterile laboratory of Soderbergh's mind. And the final twist of plot - with its testament to the "curative" powers of the love of a "pure" (i.e., literally untouched) woman is the slushiest and soft-soapiest type of women's fiction. This one, of course, is the work of a man, but then so is the job of a gigolo. James Spader, Andie McDowell, Peter Gallagher, Laura San Giacomo. 1989 ★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 8/16 AND 17. 8:30 P.M.)

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 — Reviewed this issue. With Alexis Bledel, America Ferrera, Blake Lively, and Amber Tamblyn; directed by Sanaa Hamri. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION

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MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Star Wars: The Clone Wars — Computer-animated spinoff from George Lucas's science-fiction cycle, directed by Dave Filoni.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON



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Step Brothers - Mainstream comedy, at the broadest point in the stream, about a pair of developmentally arrested forty-yearolds (Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly), still living at home with their respective single mom and single dad, then living together after the parents meet and marry, living first at loggerheads and later in boisterous accord. Everything is pushed to extremes with the intent of making it extra, extra funny, and with the result of making it not at all funny. It is to co-producer Judd Apatow rather than director Adam McKay that we are prone to ascribe the prosthetic testicles; and it's between the scriptwriting team of Ferrell and McKay that we are obliged to split credit for lines like "I want to roll you into a little ball and shove you up my vagina" and "I feel like a lightning bolt hit the tip of my penis." With Mary Steenburgen, Richard Jenkins, Adam Scott, Kathryn Hahn. 2008. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASH-ION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Swing Vote — Neo-Capra political fable (the cusswords are a large part of the "neo") about a Regular Joe in Texico, New Mexico, who, through a Byzantine conspiracy of events, holds the single decisive vote in the Presidential election, subjecting him to round-the-clock media scrutiny and personalized campaigns from both parties. The shiftiness of the candidates seems fair enough (even if the balance of coverage favors the Republican incumbent), and the embodiment of the American voter in an apathetic uninformed nincompoop (Kevin Costner in his most affable folksy mode, notwithstanding the character's peccadilloes) seems fair enough as well, but at some point the didacticism starts to outweigh the entertainment and credibility. Moral of the tale, after a traditional climax of public mortification: Get out and vote! With Madeline Carroll, Paula Patton, Kelsey Grammer, Stanley Tucci, Dennis Hopper, and Nathan Lane; directed by Joshua Michael Stern. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VAL-LEY 20: TOWN SOUARE 14)

Tell No One - If this doesn't give us what we expect and want from a French thriller, part of the reason must lie in its source, an American mystery novel by Harlan Coben. Convoluted and contorted beyond resemblance to organic life on Earth, concocted and cockamamie beyond the realm of all probability, it boasts the sort of plotting where an unassuming Parisian pediatrician, hounded by a remorseless hit squad, can call in a favor (i.e., troop support) from a grateful hoodlum with a hemophiliac infant. Or where a handy heroin addict will turn up dead at just the moment when you need a body in order to stage a faux murder, and you can count on no one noticing the discrepancies between the autopsy cadaver and the supposed victim. All along the way the storytelling employs withholding and delaying tactics whose effect is more annoyance than suspense; and at the finish it features a long-winded verbal summation that, besides its bookishness, compresses the absurdities into an intolerably small space. All that aside, the film is perforce populated with Frenchmen (and bilingual Canadian and British women), who, true to form, work hard and selflessly to engage our interest: François Cluzet, the Gallic Dustin Hoffman, in looks at least, if not also in rodenty intensity, as the doctor who believes he has lost his wife to a serial killer, and comes to find out, on the eighth anniversary of the event, that he may not have lost her for good; Marie-Josée Croze (the Canadian) as the absent wife; Kristin Scott-Thomas (the Brit) as an uptown lesbian; the formidable Nathalie Baye as a

high-priced and all-business attorney; François Berléand as the dogged, obsessivecompulsive cop on the case (exasperated, for example, at his underling's carelessness in differentiating between the trash bin and the recycling bin); and the venerable veterans Jean Rochefort and André Dussollier as separately grieving fathers. The latter, with supreme poise and not a hint of a kneebuckle, shoulders the brunt of the absurdity. 2007.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS: LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Tropic Thunder — Filmmaking spoof starring and directed and co-written by Ben Stiller, with Jack Black and Robert Downey,

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MIS-SION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 7: MIS-SION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6: SAN MARCOS 18: SANTEE DRIVE IN: TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 8/15)

Vicky Cristina Barcelona — Reviewed this issue. With Scarlett Johansson, Rebecca Hall, Javier Bardem, and Penelope Cruz: written and directed by Woody Allen. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: FASHION VALLEY 18: FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20: TOWN SOUARE 14:

FROM 8/15)

The Wackness — Summer vacation after high school and before college: a romance blossoms between a teenage dope peddler and his classmate client, and a bond of friendship forms between the former and the latter's father, a crazy mixed-up psychiatrist. The action is set back in 1994, but that's no excuse for the colors fading almost to ashes. And while Olivia Thirlby is appealing as the girl, Josh Peck isn't the most credible friendless virgin, a social pariah despite his superficial attractiveness (in a toocool-for-school sort of way, sleepy-eyed, slack-jawed, froggy-throated) and despite his flourishing candy store. Ben Kingsley's strangeness as the psychiatrist is more the strangeness of an actor than of a character, the strangeness of an affected, abstracted manner and a stifled, indefinite accent. With Famke Janssen, Jane Adams, Mary

Kate Olsen, and Method Man; written and directed by Jonathan Levine. 2008. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 8/14; KEN. FROM 8/15)

WALL-E — Relentlessly sentimental science fiction about a cute anthropomorphized "male" robot — a rattletrap contraption of binoculars atop tank treads programmed to pick up garbage on an evacuated Earth in the 28th Century (his name is an acronym of Waste Allocation Load Lifter, Earth-Class), all alone on the planet but for the company of an indestructible cockroach, until his world gets rocked by the arrival of a smooth white egg-shaped "fembot," whom he follows up to a mother ship of epicene, spineless, walrus-like humans. Rather remarkable for any movie are the long stretches of nonverbal narrative, reminiscent of the opening and closing stretches of 2001. (Other allusions to the Kubrick classic — the musical snippet from Also Sprach Zarathustra, the unblinking red eye of HAL-9000 — suggest the emulation is entirely conscious.) No less remarkable, in the context of a Disney computer cartoon, are the distinctive whiffs of postapocalyptic and dystopian melancholy. The happy ending pretty much ruins it. If the film wanted full credit for evoking those feelings, the best ending it could have held out would be hopeful, not happy. With the voices of Ben Burtt, Elissa Knight, Jeff Garlin, and Sigourney Weaver; written and directed by Andrew Stanton. 2008. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18;

Wanted — Nerd's daydream of getting out from under one's pencil-pushing job, one's bossy boss, and one's cheating girlfriend, finding out it's in one's genes to be an elite assassin, learning the tricks of the trade in nothing flat, e.g., guiding bullets telekinetically, intercepting enemy bullets in midair, and so on. (A daydream only imaginable in the video-game era.) In its loosey-goosey humor, over-the-top action, anything-goes fantasy, and gimmick-riddled visuals (the rough grain of the image would not count as one of the gimmicks), the movie drips with disdain for its material and its audience alike. With James McAvoy, Angelina Jolie, Morgan Freeman, Terence Stamp, and Thomas Kretschmann; directed by Timur Bekmambetov. 2008.

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Water Lilies — The sexual stirrings of the jeunes filles of synchronized swimming. The aquatics do spruce up the adolescent banalities, if only occasionally. And the ambiguity of the "pretty girl," a virgin reputed to be a slut, rises slightly above banality. With Pauline Acquart, Louise Blachère, Adèle Haenel, and Warren Jacquin; written and directed by Céline Sciamma, 2007. ★ (KEN, 8/15 THROUGH 21)

The X-Files: I Want to Believe — Six years after the termination of the TV series (ten years after the mid-run movie), we find that Mulder the Believer and Scully the Skeptic have cut all ties to the FBI, the latter now a practicing physician at Our Lady of Sorrows, the former in retirement as a bearded hermit. The case that draws them back into the fold is not all that far out of this world, not all that far out of the workaday police procedural: an abducted female FBI agent and a pedophiliac defrocked priest who might or might not be psychic. The scope of the crime grows exponentially when another woman goes missing and the psychic uncovers a major cache of body parts preserved in ice, and the trail ultimately will lead to some macabre mad-scientist experiments well worthy of allusion to Dr. Frankenstein. Yet we're still a long way short of manifestations of extraterres trial life or supernatural entities. And that's

a relief. This modest entertainment, under

the authoritative direction of series creator Chris Carter, has plenty of speed and stamina; it has palpable suspense; it has honest shocks; and it has a unifying and a resonating theme of perseverance: Mulder in his lifelong pursuit of the Truth that, in a watchword of the series, Is Out There (way, way out there), Scully in her quotidian treatment of a terminally ill child, the expriest in his quest for redemption, and even the villains in the lengths to which they're prepared to go in their self-serving villainy. (New watchword: Don't Give Up.) Though you might almost wish that the movie had wiped the slate clean and started over with baggage-free characters, the passing years have added an attractive weariness, a romantic Weltschmerz, to the two lead actors, especially to Gillian Anderson ("I'm done chasing monsters in the dark" — done, too, covering up the beauty spot below her left nostril), who was always the more attractive to begin with. But even the supercool David Duchovny — an odd temperature for an ardent believer — appears to have gained a deeper layer of awareness, or else dropped an outer layer of vanity. Their mutual mission now looks like more a curse than a crusade. Where once their lodestar might have been Prometheus, at present it's Sisy phus. With Billy Connolly and Amanda Peet, 2008.

★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)





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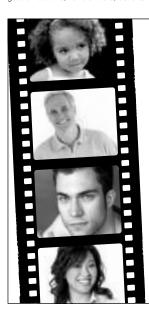
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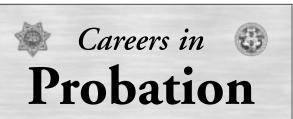
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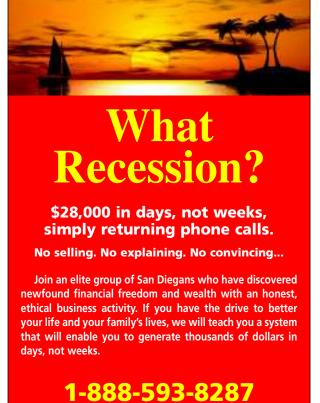
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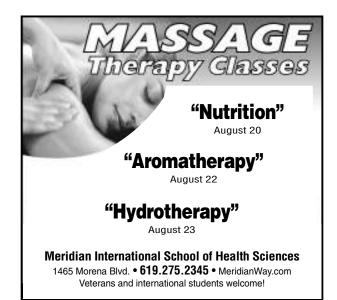
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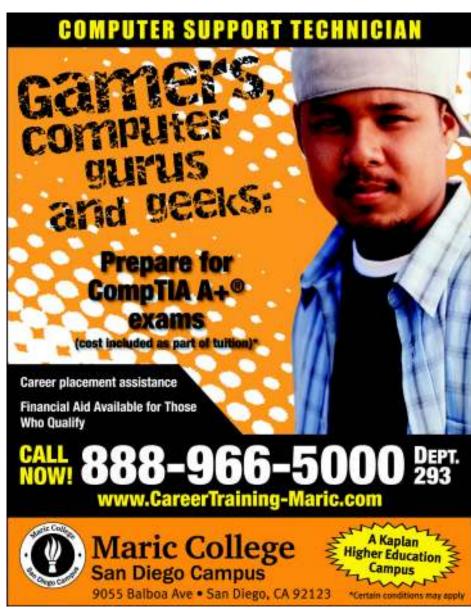
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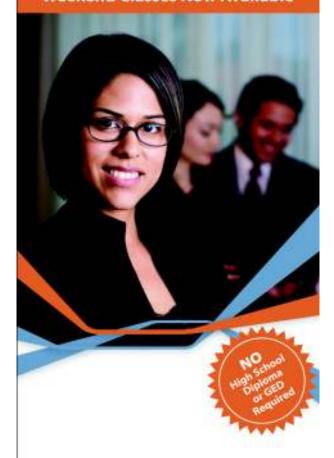


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OFF THE CUFF by Josh Board

Alfredo Loperena

Federal Agent

Chula Vista

Tt was when I was in the Marines $oldsymbol{1}$ and was 19. I was in TJ and had a little to drink. In the morning I didn't hear the alarm. I woke up late and had to be at Pendleton, I was flying from San Ysidro. It was foggy, and I was half asleep. At the 54 and 805 exit, I lost control of my car, and it flipped three or four times. The seat belt saved me. I had a broken ankle and some abrasions



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Grad Student

New York

missed half a final. I had to take the class again. It was at a college 40 miles east of L.A., in Claremont, around 2001. It was around the time of all those brown-outs, and I had to reset my alarm. I think I pressed p.m. instead of a.m., and I didn't wake up until an hour and a half later than I should have. I wasn't doing great in the class anyway. I asked the professor to give me more time. He said no, because he had somewhere he had to be.



Describe your worst outcome from oversleeping.

Roman deSalvo Artist

San Diego

In college we had a field trip at 6:00 a.m. It was required for the class. I had been working - valet parking until 2:00 a.m. — that morning. The alarm didn't go off. Maybe I didn't set it or I slept through it. That was 23 years ago, but I remember it did have an adverse effect on my



Diana deSalvo Aesthetician

San Diego

Tt was my first day of high school. My mom had lectured me about how I'd have to get myself up and not be late for school. I overslept and missed the bus. I was afraid to call my mom at work. I just decided to call a cab. I didn't have any money When he got to my school, I just started bawling and told him what happened. He let me off the hook.

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DOG "Susin" female Delmatian/Pit mix 4

DOG. "Susie," female Dalmatian/Pit mix, 4 years old, housebroken, spayed, up-to-date shots, great with other dogs. No cats! Susie is a total love bug. Call Patri-cia, 858-254-8733 or flutterfli@hotmail.

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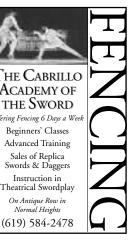
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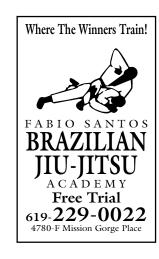
YOUNG DOGS. We have quite a few 35-4 months old looking for forever homes. They are all mutts but mostly shepherd or Labrador mixes with gorgeous markings. If you're interested in adopting a new companion, contact the Baja Animal Sanctuary for more information, 619-231-6960.

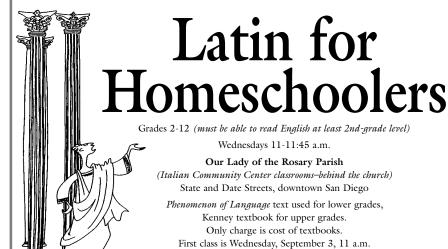
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San Diego Reader August 14, 2008

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THE READER PUZZLE:

RULES OF THE GAME

1) Each week we're printing a list of EVERYONE who submits the correct answers to the previous week's puzzle. See this week's contenders below.

2) When you successfully complete a puzzle, we'll also print a brief (10 words or less) message that you've written. This is optional, but it's a great opportunity for you to give a shout out to your mom, or toot your own horn! Each time you submit a new puzzle,

you may submit a new message.

3) We're keeping track of how many puzzles you successfully complete. But your information will only be printed when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by the new puzzle deadline: 7:00 a.m., Monday. 4) Entries must be faxed to 619-231 0489 or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186 5803, or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy. 5) Wow! Now we're giving away <u>15</u>
Reader T-shirts each week to contenders chosen randomly!

And now for the really small print: 1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided. 2) Entries that arrive after the deadline will not be considered.

3) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified. 4) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

Across

- 1. Gusto
- 5. Bead material
- 10. Country's McEntire
- 14. Q7 maker
- 15. Filmmaker Joel Coen's filmmaking brother
- 16. Thickening agent
- 17. Be partial to a Pay-Per-View boxing match?
- 20. Henry VIII's desire
- 21. "The Cider House Rules" Oscar winner
- 22. Op-ed piece
- 23. They're seen on C-Span
- 24. Hot time in Haiti

- 25. Be partial to an earlier work by Madonna?
- 33. Jerome Kern's "____ Romance"
- 34. Strove
- 35. Vane dir.
- 36. Booby, e.g.
- 37. Hoops
- 39. Funnyman Jay
- 40. Shoqunite capital
- 41. Nourish
- 42. Pointed
- 43. Be partial to a movie starring a young Joseph Cotten?
- 47. Reagan advisor Nofziger
- 48. "Without _____" (Grateful Dead album)
- 49. Seven-time All Star pitcher Dave
- 52. Reagan costar of 1951
- 54. "For all the ways you care" pharmacy chain
- 57. Be partial to a competitor of Meow Mix?
- 60. One to grow on?
- 61. " to recall ..."
- 62. Cold, to Conchita
- 63. Reading rooms 64. "Beau
- 65. Like supermodels

Down

- 1. Microwaves
- 2. Capital of Italy
- 3. Deuce follower
- 4. Designer Claiborne
- 5. Certain Himalayan
- 6. Threatened
- 7. Stubble setting
- 8. Demolish

- 9. Suffix with benz-
- 10. Aggressive poker player, perhaps
- 11. Dairy aisle purchase
- __ Men ("Who Let the Dogs Out" band)
- 13. Pretentious
- 18. Sorbonne, e.a.
- 19. Foul-smelling
- 23. Remain unsettled
- 24. First name in motorcycling
- 25. RCA or EMI
- 26. "Don't mind 27. Russian ballet company
- 28. Duck
- 29. Be less than 100%
- 30. Garden decoration
- 31. "____ Shoes" (2005 Cameron Diaz movie)
- 32. Mathletes, maybe
- 37. "____ the lookout!"
- 38. Drink: Abbr.
- 39. Pitch catcher
- 41. Visit from the Blue Angels, e.g.
- 42. Consumed, biblically
- 44. Chooses (to)
- 45. Surgeon's tool
- 46. Digestion aid
- 49. Dirty Harry's org. 50. Something that's spun
- 51. A party to
- 52. Stop on the way home?
- 53. Georges
- 54. Supervision
- 55. Powerful car engine
- 56. A judge might issue one
- 58. Cookie fruit
- 59. A lot of fluff?

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

indicates T-shirt winner

John Rosenbach, Escondido.

Pamela Swain, College Area, 9. "Let the games begin. Lillian Wagner, Clairemont, 9. "This puzzle is a good one!"

Trinaise Abbott, Rancho Bernardo, 8. "She's not Peter Pan, she's peed her pants."

Vince Cuseo, Vista, 8. "Who is Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 8. Karen Davies, San Carlos, 8.

D. Faulkner, University Heights, 8. "Pushin' pedals every

Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 8. "Hi Russ, Patti, Vince, Chris, Maria,

Joaquin, Rene" George Jackson, Oceanside

Peter Kronfeld, Normal Heights, 8. Bob Maxwell, Coronado, 8. "You now owe a total of three - pay up or else."

Ron Meyer, Santee, 8. "Back at you Tom. Go Chargers."

Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 8. Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 8. "See you next time! Off to a week

Jay Newington, Balboa Park, 8. "JG - I'm so glad that you are in my life sweetheart."

Jim Odell, Vista, 8. "We're frankly doomed. - Mogambo Guru" Julie Osburn, North Park, 8. "Ethan Hoffner is the best boy in the

Marc Rutter, University Heights, 8. "Hev. Lillv. we're worth six bucks!" Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 8, "/

got 7 down with a little help from my friends." Paul Stanton, Canvon Hills, 8. "Adopt a homeless cat or dog today and spay/neuter."

Stephen Wilder, Rancho Bernardo, 8. "Happy Birthday RW (Aug. 14)! Wish I was there!" Ric Witt, Clairemont, 8. "Eight is great! Sixty-one not too!" Phil Cashman, University City,

Clemencia Angus, Linda Vista, 7. "I can't believe I missed last week's puzzle by 1 letter!"

"Milla, welcome back to San Diego.

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 7. "Going with Flo to Vegas. I'll be back!"

Amna Cornett, Mission Hills, 7. "Many happy returns, Betty"

Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 7. "C'mon George fax it in!"

Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 7. "Aloha Carey - I lurve you! Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 7. "Chloe is the best doa ever! Mary Hutchings, City Heights,

C. J. Muellner, Spring Valley, 7. "Did it again. Soon you'll owe me one — T-shirt '

Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch, Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 7. "Always somethin" Jessica Romero, Chula Vista,

7. "Bear, you are my sunshine, my Shirley E Bolden, College Area, 6. "Reader, thanks for the

Kevin Kolodziej, Mira Mesa, 6. "Be sure to wash hands to foil these spinach invaders!" Leslie Chase, Campo, 6.

William Cushing, RB, 6. "Where do you want to eat tonight, dear?"
Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 6. "Dega bound! John L Drehner, North Park,

6. "What does cheese say when it is Janet Goff, Cardiff, 6. "I should

have started sooner. Arnold Holmes, San Carlos, 6. "Mv beach, mv wave, Roger Hunt, Carlsbad, 6.

"C'mon. where da shirt?" Anna McCutcheon, Downtown, 6. "www.paintwithdan.com" Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 6. "www.geocaching.com

Tom Seaman, Alpine, 6. Joel Suzuki, Mission Valley, 6. Felina Thom, Lemon Grove, 6. Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 6. "Hi Mikev and Anthor

Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 6. "Conscience does not make cowards of us all..." **Woody Anderson, Carmel Val**ley, 5. "This time I needed

Mary Arana, Encinitas, 5. "Wearing the new T-shirt! Thanks!"
Martha Awdziewicz, Claire-

Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 5.

"Co Two! Go Cardinals."

Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 5. Cody Brull, Carmel Valley, 5. e on vacation next week

Tim Clayton, Los Peñasquitos, 5. "Ok Matty, your shout. Paint on." Ben Cooper, Gaslamp, 5. Marilyn Cooper, Chula Vista, 5. "Mama said I could do this - just not in pen."

■ Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 5. "Robin, tell the Reader this is my fifth Recount!" Jim Koziol, UTC, 5. "Drive us to school, Pops! Lukie, Jimmy, Timo-

Ronald Long, San Diego, 5. Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 5. Barry Newman, Escondido, 5. Jennifer Rabner, Escondido, 5. "Couldn't finish any of these without

Mom's help!" Jack Rohrer, Clairemont, 5. "Ben met Anna, made-a hit; neglected beard. Ben-Anna split.

Burma-Shave. Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 5. "Five is my favorite number. Dave Small, San Carlos, 5. "/ been workin' on the railroad. Tom Somich, Clairemont, 5. We all miss you, Jimmy Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 5. "P-town 4 life!

Marie Turock, North Park, 5. Dave Washington, La Jolla, 5. "What's the rumpus?"

Bob Werner, Bay Park, 5. "This

Laurence Altobell III, Carmel Valley, 4. "JBP purification is my life!

is actually #5.

Don Austin, Laguna Beach, 4. Brian W. Beadle, Clairemont, **4.** "Want to protect Americans from evil terrorists? Stop paying taxes! Dan Blair, Linda Vista, 4.

E. T. Cage, Carmel Mtn., 4. "Are these puzzles getting easier? Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 4. Keats and Yeats - poetic treats. Andre Desilets, Downtown, 4.

Take someone bowling. Lots of Andre Diehl, MA, 4. "This puzzle was the ultimate MacGuffin.

Bette Eberhardt, Pine Valley, 4. "Welcome back from the Moth-

erland, Katva," Ben Espe, Mission Valley,

Rand Feura, Santee, 4. "Leiana. Bud Fisher, Mira Mesa, 4. "Not

bad for a cruciverbal dilettante Jack Hawkins, Encinitas, 4. "Crosswords are cross roads to everywhere."

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

indicates T-shirt winner

Jon Hutchens, Encinitas, 4.

Richard Hutchings, Santee, 4. Mary Johnson, Del Mar, 4. "Calculated wisdom in a T-shirt Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 4. "Quando omni flunkus moritati Pat McMann, Solana Beach, 4. "Drink Pat McMann's Puzzler Ale. Jenny McReynolds, Linda Vista, 4, "More fun!" Barbara Neill, Santee, 4 Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 4. "I'm

back! W. Hodgson, Escondido, 4. "Def: Political stooge – Moebama"
Cindy Pellett, University Heights, 4. "DLW - Diabolical

fiend or genius? Thanks for the Tony Radna, Hillcrest, 4. "See

vou Next Thursday. Alan Richards, San Diego, 4. "You just assume I want to go back

to bed!" Robert Tucceri, El Cajon, 4. "Harder puzzles, por favor!"

David A Weim, Chula Vista, 4.

"Need a T-shirt! Tom White, University City, 4. Mike and Karen, North Park, 3. "You will believe a cat can fly. A

cat named Turtle." Stuart Aunger, Chula Vista, 3. "We're going to miss you Glen. Chris Byzewski, Linda Vista, 3.

Rick Carter, Santee, 3. Korey Castillo, Bay Park, 3. "We love you, Lupe! Korey and

David Castillo, Bay Park, 3. "Love you Aunt Lupe! Elana Cooper, La Jolla, 3.

"There's a hoat Robin Cory, Mira Mesa, 3. "Hi

Susan De Masi, Fallbrook, 3. Mike Deliman, Santee, 3. "Karen, why you say that?"

Sheilah Doyle, Santee, 3. C. Hayes, Gaslamp, 3. "Semper UBI sub UBI it"

Cindy Jonio, Chula Vista, 3.

Nicolette Jurevics-Richards, La Jolla, 3. "Third time's a charm." Patrick Koegel, North Park, 3. "Oops, I did it again Susie Lektorich, Coronado, 3.

"Bike to work every day!" Kevin McNearney, Santee, 3.

Melissa Menard, Escondido, 3. "Congrats Bekah and Adolfo! Best wishes to you both!"

Richard Miner, Cherokee Point, 3. "Sanity is haircloth sheath with a iewel underneath. Sarah Murphy, Ocean Beach,

3. "Reebs - call me. Get in on this!" Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 3. "Three's a crowd.

Nathan Petty, Santee, 3. Robert Phillips, Downtown, 3. "OB, Whitefish, Eastport, Red Hook, Panama City, Nola, SD" Larry Roberts, La Mesa, 3. "Nana and Grampy love Bay-Bay,

P-Man, and Cayder-Dude!" Jean D. Smickle, Santee, 3. Jeff Smith, UTC, 3. "No on Prop. 8 and so-called Sarah's Law." Eddie Spaghettio, Coronado,

3. "TOKA 143! Quiero besarto entremedias sus dedos gordos del pie! CIUM21. Shirly Stafford, Carlsbad, 3.

"I'd like to redeem 63 across for one T-shirt." Connie Rittichier, Poway,

John Stead, Santee, 3. Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar. 3. "Thanks Sue and daughter

Jackie for the casino good times! Marissa Torres, San Marcos, 3. "Noni is older than Mark. Edward J Weidlich, Chula Vista, 3, "Shout out to Diane. Bob Weir, Mission Hills, 3.

"Love and death make fools of us Danny Wilson, Mira Mesa, 3. "X equals minus B plus or minus the

sauare root of..." Ivan Yanev, Santee, 3. Anne Hinton, , 2. "Thanks again, Peter Ackhoff, Rancho Penasquitos, 2. "Weeding them out, I meant pigs in Zen."

Mike Adkins, Santee, 2. Don Albee, Santee, 2. **Bud Anderson, Santee, 2.** Jean Marie Barnes, Grantville, 2. "Happy Birthday Allen, Anthony, Victor, Albert. Love you guys!" Brian W. Beach, Santee, 2. Bruce Bell, South Park, 2. Rolan Bloomfield, Santee, 2. Ben Brainard, Santee, 2. B. Breckenridge, Santee, 2. Neal Brown, Santee, 2. Margaret Buckner, Santee, 2. John Bullock, Santee, 2.

Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 2. "Hey babies! It's me!" Oscar Carlson, Downtown, 2. "Maybe this time!

Glen and Tesi Chavira-Cournoyer, Chula Vista, 2. "Is it cheating if you look up the answer? **■ David Chen, UTC, 2.** "No had days! Smile!

Jim Chris, 2. "Life's two tragedies: not getting what one wants and aettina it

Doug Coffin, Santee, 2. Dan Collins, Santee, 2. Laura Conshafter, Santee, 2. Matt Dene, Santee, 2. Dave Descoteaux, Santee, 2. J. DeWitt, Santee, 2. Ed Edwards, Santee, 2. Kathleene Evans, Santee, 2.

Mark Franc, Santee, 2. I. C. Garcia, Golden Hill, 2. "To believe is to have certainty in some-

thing to which no one has proof." Carol Georges, Pacific Beach, 2, "More fun. Glad I discovered it last week."

Jim Glover, Santee, 2. Hugh Hagues, Santee, 2. Joe Harris, Spring Valley, 2. "Thanks for typing all these, Reader

Warren Winters, Santee, 2. Andy Harrison, Santee, 2. L.D. Hartpence, Santee, 2. Mark Hill, Santee, 2. Julie Hocking, Normal Heights, 2. "Go crazy! Eileen Holmes, , 2. "Where's me Jenny Hughes, Escondido, 2. "Good one.

Jim Hutchings, Santee, 2. EM Hutchings, Santee, 2. Troy Knapp, Santee, 2. Gary Kuske, Santee, 2. Angie Longoria, Santee, 2, Bill Love, Santee, 2. Robin Lundgren, Kearny Mesa, 2. "CSR's rock at Debt Free

Rick Marin, Santee, 2. Thom Michaels, Palm City, 2. "My pug helped me."

Linda Millsberg, Santee, 2. Heber Moore, Santee, 2. Kevin Moreau, Santee, 2. Donnie Nelson, Santee, 2. "Good show!"

Eugene Padua, Santee, 2. Sande Penuliar, Mira Mesa, 2. "Miss you, love Ko!"

Leah Robinson, El Caion, 2. "Hi evervone at SDWO and SDSN. Henry Romero, , 2. "Hoping for a birthday aift!"

Gillian Schulman, Cardiff, 2. "Thanks to all of my sisters and Orcas Island "

Diane Sengir, Downtown, 2. Bill Stevens, Bay Park, 2. "Lex clavatoris designati rescindenda

Al Stumpfhauser, Oceanside, 2. "So it goes." Greg Thomas, Ocean Beach, 2. "Live every week like shark

week. Mike Thompson, Santee, 2. S. Tool, Santee, 2. Rich Tschiegg, Scripps Ranch,

2. "True Rock n' roll: www.crashstreetkids.com" Mary-Margaret Villa, , 2. "lt's

the little things."

Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 2. "Go Chargers!"

Woody Weaver, Santee, 2. Adele West, Rancho Bernardo, 2. Peter Woodbury, Chula Vista, 2. "I'm back!"

Mary Woodbury, Santee, 2. Erin Yeager, Carlsbad, 2. "When i grip you, you'll know that

you've been gripped!" Stephen Young, Santee, 2. Tom Laurin, Chula Vista, 1. "We don't need no stinkin Raiders!"

Janet Reilly, University City, 1. "Matthew Alice . . . Where are you?"

Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 1. "Unaided by the Internet or Merriam Webster*

Randy Sjoblom, Santee, 1. Eduardo Emett, Santee, 1. D. Martinez, Santee, 1. Ron Shields, Santee, 1. Charles Overdorf, Santee, 1. Jill Dickens, Santee, 1. Steve Fagerwold, Santee, 1. Mike Downey, Santee, 1. Mike Gross, Santee, 1. Rick Austin, Santee, 1. Sue Worthen, Santee, 1. Matt Taylor, Santee, 1. Sondra Hartpence, Santee, 1. Eben Maat, Santee, 1. Derek Rasmussen, Santee, 1. Steve Jenks, Santee, 1. Nathan Squire, Santee, 1. David Papworth, Santee, 1. Mike D'Asaro, Santee, 1. Derek Besand, Santee, 1. Ward Harrington, Santee, 1. Eric Jesperson, Santee, 1. LeRoy Hemingway, Santee, 1. Emma Friemuth, Santee, 1. Ken Milne, Santee, 1. Richard Rose, Santee, 1. Billy Horton, Santee, 1. Monty Landy, Santee, 1. Craig Hollinger, Santee, 1. Laurie Teemsma, Santee, 1. Deborah Moore, Santee, 1. John Shultz, Santee, 1. Donald Millsberg, Santee, 1. Dennis Lameboy, Santee, 1. "First entry was missing complete address

Sheil Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 1. "For my dad, FPA; Jenni, aka PP and JF, aka 21A. I'm going to be a grandma!'

Letty Hernandez, Chula Vista, 1. "Pinky, are you pondering what I'm pondering? Brain. Tim Dene, Santee, 1.

Dave Capehart, Santee, 1. Loren Broadstone, Santee, 1. Aaron Lundblade, Santee, 1. Dan Abernathy, Santee, 1.

Byron Ellsworth, Santee, 1, Roy Bailey, Santee, 1. Rick Braithwaite, Santee, 1. Gavle Squire, Santee, 1. Bill Pischke, Ramona, 1. "An orange glow suffuses sunrises, sunsets, and our love."

Bill Stevens, Oak Park, 1. "Justin Case is my brother. Lia Dom Dervalen, La Mesa, 1. "Cobra and Lia strike again!" Jim Stowffer, San Diego, 1. "When is the next Comic Con! David Kuntze, El Cajon, 1. "Whadaya say we all just get

along?" Nancy Benham, North Park, 1. "I love crosswords!" C.W. Thomas, San Marcos, 1. "Anchors aweigh. Go Kittyhawk Carl Bennett, Escondido, 1. Susan Hill, Ocean Beach, 1. "Hey, my dog's name is Sputnik!"
Eli Vinson, Santee, 1. "Happy Birthday, Alley Cat!" **David Burger, Rancho Penas**quitos, 1. "I got nothing. lorie Buehler, Carlsbad, 1. "/ love you. Lulu!"

Bruce Barshel , La Jolla, 1. "Rebuild the nation!" Dennis Lamboy, Santee, 1. Kathleen Fowler, Santee, 1. Ricky Hartdenle, Santee, 1. G. Doyle, Santee, 1. M. Jordan, Santee, 1. Doretha Albee, Santee, 1. M. Sherritt, Santee, 1. Heather Ellsworth, Santee, 1. J. Schwendinger, Santee, 1. Lee Woodbury, Santee, 1. Randy Schimpf, Santee, 1. Marilynn Harrington, Santee,

Carol Ruske, Santee, 1. Sam Spaeth, El Cajon, 1. Gina Glover, Santee, 1. Erin Marin, Santee, 1. Sue Janisch, Santee, 1. Marie Grace, College Area, 1. "This one's for you, Ricky."

J.A.M., Spring Valley, 1. "Kitty Pooh, I have no right to miss you

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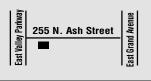
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- 1. In this week's "Off the Cuff," an ex-Marine who has to report to Pendleton oversleeps, speeds from San Ysidro, flips the car at 805 and 54, and escapes with what injuries?
- What percentage of signatures on the "Ban the [booze] Ban" petition turned out to be valid?
- What tattoo, among others, did author Maggie Young's muay Thai trainer have on his left leg?
- Barbarella and her husband indulge with friends in an evening of nattering, noshing, and gambling on the outcome of what "reality" show?
- What "addictive" house-made item accompanied the meat-plate appetizer that Naomi Wise sampled at the Linkery?
- What Hong Kong delicacy, priced at \$5.50 lb, did Ed Bedford sample in his visit to Tom's Chinese BBQ
- How did Josh Board's girlfriend explain to Cheech in "Blurt" that he and she don't burn weed?
- 8. Name three rock groups that vocalist Carla Bozulich was in previously, as detailed in Will Crain's "Of
- In Barbarella's piece on tiki culture, what Polynesian god gave the first human the name "tiki"?
- 10. Josh Board crashes a party for bouncers and bartenders in Pacific Beach. One of the partygoers falsely accuses Josh of what?

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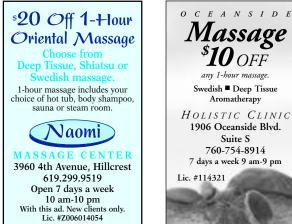
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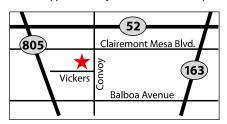
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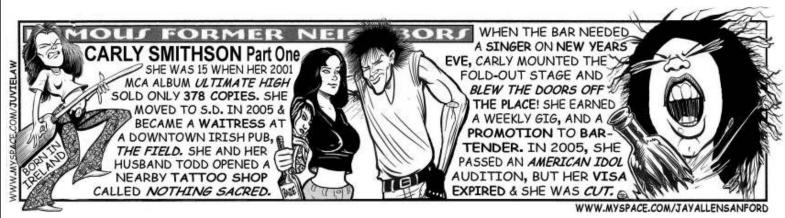
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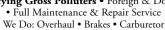


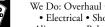
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Compelling Explanations

 Edward Defreitas, 36, was arrested in Toms River, N.J., in June and accused of causing a three-vehicle collision that injured two men in a car and sent two others (paramedics riding in an ambulance) to the hospital. Defreitas told police that he had been drinking and had decided

to drive around until he sobered up: "He [said he] was afraid to go home and his mother finding alcohol on his breath.

The Litigious Society

 School custodian Anthony Gower-Smith, 73, was awarded the equivalent of about \$75,000 in June in London's High Court after suing Britain's Hampshire County government when he hurt himself falling off a six-foot stepladder. Gower-Smith claimed that he had not been properly "trained" on how to use it, despite his longtime experience with such ladders and despite his signed acknowledgment that he had indeed received training and despite his having blamed himself just after he fell. (He disavowed the self-blame by saying that, at the time, he was woozy and didn't remember what he said.)

- Shannon Hyman, now 24, filed a lawsuit in July against the Green Iguana Bar & Grill in St. Petersburg, Fla., for medical bills and lost wages when she was badly burned four years ago while drinking a "flaming shot" of Bacardi 151-proof rum (which normally is consumed without incident, but Hyman had spit out the drink, spreading flames to her head and upper torso). Hyman told the Tampa Tribune: "I'm suing because I should not have been let in [because she was under 21 at the time]. If I weren't let in, none of the events would have happened."

Ironies

- In July, the new smoking ban for bars and restaurants in the Netherlands took effect, but it won't curtail patrons' right to smoke marijuana in Amsterdam's coffee shops (where they can buy up to five grams a day to smoke on the premises). And, just as the ban became law, the Dutch special-effects company Rain Showtechniek began selling bars a machine (for the equivalent of about \$900) that, for nostalgia, replicates the scent of traditional, cigarette-smoked air (but which does not damage health or linger in clothing or hair). - Not Quite Rehabilitated: A prominent antidrug motivational speaker, who uses his own life story to inspire troubled kids to turn their lives around, was arrested in May and charged with attempted murder after allegedly shooting at his girlfriend and

an old buddy from prison following a long evening of alcohol and methamphetamines. Said the prosecutor in Isanti County, Minn., of the rampage by Russell Simon Jr., 45, "We're lucky we don't have a multiple homicide on our hands."

Least Competent Criminals

· In the course of burglarizing Yaakov Kanelsky's apartment in Brooklyn, N.Y., in July, Victor Marin, 20, accidentally left his wallet (containing ID, credit cards, and photos) on the bed. After Kanelsky arrived home and called 911, Marin returned and knocked on the front door. From the hallway, he begged for his billfold back and began shoving Kanelsky's money under the door, hoping to persuade him to trade. Unfortunately for Marin, \$92 of his \$217 cash haul was in \$1 bills, and the crack under the door was tiny. Marin was still busy stuffing money in by the time police arrived.

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The Job Pitch

Author: Jennifer Roberts Neighborhood: University Heights

Age: 25

Occupation: Food Server

A San Diego native, I was well aware of El Cajon Boulevard's reputation long before I moved into my University Heights apartment. I barely raised an eyebrow the first morning I made my hike to grab a cup of joe from Filter Coffeehouse (née the Other Side) to see more than one young lady teetering down the sidewalk in open-toed high heels and stretched halter tops at six in the morning.

In fact, I encountered this unique brand of service worker quite often. Since an almost arrogant lack of maintenance had long rendered my Grand Am inoperable, I found myself walking and fully utilizing San Diego's public transportation system on a daily basis. These girls sauntered all over my 'hood, loitering at crosswalks and behind bus stops. I came to know them, recognizing certain ones hiding behind parked semis or quietly sleeping in the corner booth of the newly renovated Taco Bell.

These girls somehow worked their way into my heart, and I found myself often thinking of them — what brought them to this point in life? How many of them had issues with addiction? Did they have fathers or big brothers somewhere, worried or completely clueless to their new occupation? What or more frighteningly, who — kept them captive in this world of depravity? I wondered, Just who are the pimps of El Cajon Boulevard?

And one morning I found out.

I was waiting for the 15 bus at the Texas Street and El Cajon Boulevard bus stop to whisk me off to



my Sunday brunch server gig at the Pearl Hotel in Point Loma. (Somewhere around my 25th birthday I had dropped the term "waitress" for the more-refined "food server" moniker, which to me implied that I had some type of career. The fact that I was relying on public transportation to take me to said post didn't seem to factor into my logic.) I was staring off, dreaming of my first cup of coffee, when I felt someone approaching. Looking up, I locked eyes with a man in his late 20s, chewing on a toothpick and staring hard at me. Leaning over the back of the bus stop, he purred, "Good morning."

Being a 20-something female, I'm well acquainted with the obscure situations men will use to initiate conversation with fertile women — but 7:00 a.m. at a bus stop was new even for

"Good morning," I replied

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absently, making a point of looking away.

"Girl, how do I get to vou?"

"What?" I asked.

"Liust want to know how I can get to you. Just standing here wondering what it takes to get to you."

This was too much for my under-caffeinated brain to

"What you doing out here so early on a Sunday morning?" he asked.

"Work," I spat out, already tired of this exchange.

"And what do you do for a living, beautiful?"

"I'm a server."

"A waitress?"

"Server," I vehemently corrected

For a moment we fell silent, both staring at the couple of cars beginning to pull into the McDonald's across the

"Can I ask you a personal question?" he said, pointing his toothpick at me.

I narrowed my eyes at him, almost daring him to ask me a question about my boyfriend status or actual bra size. "What's that?"

"How much you make being a waitress?"

"It varies."

"Well, how much is the most vou ever made? In a day?' "I dunno. Probably \$300."

"\$300? Wow. Damn."

He circled the bench and sat down beside me.

"What would you say if I told you that you could make three times that in one day?"

It was too early for this. Too early for a pyramid scheme.

He leaned close to me. "Why don't you stop wiping up them tables and start wiping up them streets?"

Lightbulb: Pimp. A real live pimp.

"You see that Expedition over there?" he asked, pointing to a black SUV, complete with those chrome rims that spin and freak me out. "That's mine. I don't ride the bus. I used

to. But I don't anymore. And you don't have to anymore. And all you gotta do is sit here and let those long legs attract attention, just like you're doing now."

A real live pimp headhunter. Was I actually being recruited?

"Hold on," I finally sputtered out. "You and I both know what you're talking about, and I definitely have to do a lot more than just attract attention."

"Not really." he said. "I mean, you're already giving that sweetness away for free. Well, at least for a dinner at Applebee's. I'm just saying you get what you're due.'

Now I was appalled. Who was he to presume I gave away my "sweetness" for anything less than a meal at Outback?

"You ever flown first class? You could be flying all over the world first-class, eating steak."

I closed my eyes and leaned my head back. So that girl passed out in Taco Bell was just napping before she darted off to Lindbergh to catch her

first-class flight to St. Croix?

Is this how these girls fell into this world? Seduced by a fast-talking man as they waited for a bus early one morning? Empty promises of riches and glamour? I wonder if they felt cheated as they bounced in the backseats of Camrys on Utah Street or if they closed their eyes and just tried to imagine their brand-new Expeditions and Louis Vuitton bags.

At that moment the 15 rolled up in all its grandeur, and I abruptly jumped to my feet.

With a previously absent forcefulness, Pimp Man grabbed my arm. "You either get on that bus and go back to your old life, or you stay here with me and start your new life," he growled

I locked eves with him and shook my arm free. "I'm get-

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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

Josephine Scripps, probably the most eccentric living member of the Scripps clan, was coming out of the Natural History Museum one night when she spotted a garbage can of seashells discarded by a museum staff member. Miss Scripps is the museum curator of minerals, and twice a week she works at the

"What are you going to do with the seashells?" I asked this San Diego millionairess, born of one of the most powerful newspaper families in this country's history.

"Why, I'm going to clean 'em up and sell 'em!" she replied. "I'm sure there are people who'd pay 50 cents for a nice pink shell."

Mind you, building up the Natural History Museum's gem collection is only one of Josephine Scripps's interests. She runs a North County dairy farm that produces over 3500 pounds of milk a day, she leads rock-hunting expeditions all over Southern California and Baja, she raises cocker spaniels, and she jumps at the chance to play pinochle into the wee

—"JOSIE SCRIPPS," Jeannette De Wyze, August 17, 1978

Twenty-Five Years Ago

As the "county bureaucrat" who approved Jerry Leaf's flagpole ("City Lights," August 11), I think it is appropriate that I be given credit. I would like your paper to nominate me to the Guinness Book of Records in the category of the zoning administrator who approved the world's tallest American flagpole.

—LETTERS: "CONSIDER IT DONE," Robert E. Asher, zoning administrator, County of San Diego, August 18, 1983

Twenty Years Ago

Rather than think of myself as "out of shape," I had always thought my body type best described as "relaxed." It had a comfortable, homey look - soft, familiar, nonthreatening. True, it had been a source of scorn in junior and senior high school, but as the years passed, providence stepped in, and I saw many of those self-same mockers and bully-boys about town cast in the roles of retail shoe salesmen or supermarket bagboys. And I might add, there is more than a small measure of vindication to be gained upon reading that a fellow who had once called me a "tub of lard" had been charged with a federal crime.

—"GUTS AND GLORY,

Abe Opincar, August 18, 1988

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Fifteen Years Ago

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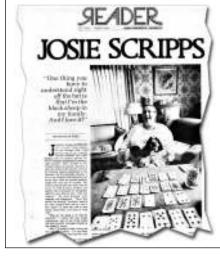
witnesses and 45 criminal charges whose penalties, if served consecutively, would amount to more than a century. There have been allegations that Akiki stabbed babies, giraffes, elephants with a "crocodile knife," and shot chickens in the presence of his preschool-age charges. Testimony has also included several stories involving rabbits that were beheaded or tossed in the air and impaled on knives on descent or "drowned in a baptismal font."

-"SPEAK, MEMORY," Abe Opincar, August 19, 1993

Ten Years Ago

As the hour drew near for Bill Clinton's Monday-night mea culpa, a snazzily dressed crowd from Governor Pete Wilson's lavish birthday fundraiser made its way to the bar at the downtown Hyatt Regency to watch the historic spectacle on big-screen TV. Among the well-connected Wilson supporters were Tom Shepard, onetime Hedgecock aide now making big money from the pro-baseball stadium campaign; Padres co-owner Larry Lucchino; wealthy port commissioner David Malcolm and wife Annie; Congressman Brian Bilbray and two aides.... As might be expected of Republican partisans, the Wilson crowd booed and yelled at each Clinton utterance.

—CITY LIGHTS: "PETE'S FRIENDS," Matt Potter, August 20, 1998



San Diego Reader, August 17, 1978

Five Years Ago

[H]ow is my family safe from terrorists when California has bare borders and friendly forgery that allows illegal entry? To California's farmers I say: Mexicans aren't the only people to pick your produce. Ask for some of the bored citizens in the prison system to help defray your costs.

—LETTERS: "ILLEGALS DISGUST," Kim Oakley, August 14, 2003

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That's why I've commissioned this foot-thick Plexiglas cage, that duck-sniffing station, and that taco stand to be built here in the basement. Never mind the aroma of waterfowl or the production of Mexican lunch items for right now. Turn your attention to the plastic cube in the center of the room. Notice in that far corner there's a man in bedraggled business casual, licking and palming the walls, spreading black ooze from his nose and under his fingernails. He's our first contender: the zombie.

And resting comfortably upside down from the chandelier in this corner, see that man in Eastern European gay nightclub formal wear? (I mean, really, those blousy shirts were terrible when they "came back" three years ago, and who on Earth — outside of a few transients paid to hand out flyers dressed as Liberace in front of a Laughlin pawn shop — would wear a purple felt tuxedo? Never mind.) He's our other worthy opponent: the

Now, as everyone knows, vampires are given to theatrics and melodrama — "Oh, yes. Poor you. Cursed to wander the night, loveless, undying, etcetera, etcetera. We've heard it before, Vlad." Also keep in mind that his histrionic nature translates into occasional violence and that he must feed on blood. BUT! Our specimen the zombie has no blood. His hydraulic fluid was replaced a decade ago with black zombie sludge that doesn't circulate through his heart. It's not blood, it's guck. And remember, he's also a dangerous fellow, wont to bulldozerishly destroy and eat the brains of everything in his path. Both fighters, you'll recall, are quite infectious too! Isn't it a squeal?

Okay. Let's turn our attention back to the...

Goddamn it.

"Manuel? Manuel, where'd the vampire go? Manuel?" Sigh. "¿Donde esta el wampeer?" It's so hard to hire good help these days. All right, folks, watch your necks and keep an eye toward the ceiling. This happened last week and one of the pay-per-view television cameramen got carried up into the rafters and turned into a desiccated husk, like a dead fly in a spiderweb. This is the last time I hire a butler from a porn-shop parking lot.

"Manuel? Manuel, where did you run off... Uh-oh."

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY AUGUST 14

PBS 8:30 P.M.

CALIFORNIA'S GREEN

The collective chuckling you hear is every knit-cap-wearing, community-college-lawn hacky sack champion with a three-foot bong in his lap who giggles his blond dreadlocks off every time he hears the word "green" or "bud" or "cloud" or any number of other misappropriated words. Now I'm seething. You stupid hippie stoners have made me seeth. I'm sorry...what was the question?

FRIDAY AUGUST 15

AMERICA'S LOCH NESS MONSTER DISCOVERY 8:00 P.M.

I'm not going to slap whoever didn't inform me of this. (I'm looking in your direction, Manuel the butler.) Now is not the time for restructuring my Mythical Beast Communications protocol. Now is the time to

strap on the My First Snoopy Swim Fins, extra-large water wings, and the little pluggy thing for my nostrils. Hand me the jar of bait crickets and the Scotch tape. If I'm not back by morning, give my jackalope to a good home. GERONIMO!

XXIX SUMMER OLYMPICS

NBC 7:00 P.M.

The next Olympics will be the "XXX Olympics." Novelty T-shirt printers everywhere just squealed and peed a little.

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LIFETIME 9:00 P.M.

From the looks of the title, this is about either a woman who marries herself or an illegal immigrant who surprises passersby in front of 7-Elevens with marriage proposals. Either way, nobody wants to hear Lifetime's take on it. We all wish Lifetime would finally accept that she's the old lady who crochets on her porch and we all pretend that the glass of

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way 94, across from Kaiser).

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NORTH PARK. Yard sale. 8/9, 8am-1pm. Small appliances, glass, linens, clothes, wood shutters. 4547 Idaho Street, 92116.

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17, oatti-∠pm.

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SATURDAY AUGUST 16

DRAMA IN THE HILLS: THE TOP 10 MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS

MTV 8:00 P.M.

Used in this context, define "memorable." If you mean "happened last week, now we're going to talk about it," then I guess that's correct. If you mean "Ich bin ein Berliner," or "Say, Tom, let me whitewash a little," then, MTV, the inflated sense of your own self-worth can be seen from space.

2008 WORLD SERIES OF POKER ESPN 8:00 P.M.

14 hours. Naugahyde. Hot lights. 16 contestants: all will require a hemorrhoid donut, a bucket of talc, baggy

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SUNDAY AUGUST 17

AT THE MOVIES WITH EBERT AND ROEPER NBC 6:30 P.M.

If I'm the only one who's going to say it, then, fine, I'll say it even though you're all thinking it but won't admit it: Owen Wilson's nose looks like a wiener and it's damned distracting. Throughout an entire movie, all I can think is, His nose looks like a wang. His nose looks like a wang. Wang nose. Wiener snoot. Beak wiener. BEAK WIENER!

MONDAY AUGUST 18

U.S. NATIONAL JUMPROPE CHAMPIONSHIPS

FOX SPORTS 3:00 P.M.

Sure. Why the hell not? So far,

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TUESDAY AUGUST 19

BIG BROTHER 10

CBS 9:00 P.M

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I am, in fact, very much related to Conan the Barbarian and, by extension, the governor of California.

By John Brizzolara

It will have been some weeks after the San Diego comic convention by the time this sees print, but it hasn't happened yet as I write this. I'm hoping to avoid the thing if possible, but to my son, this is a vital yearly ritual. My sum experience with comics (barring underground comics in the '60s) consisted of sitting in barber shops as a kid, dreading the bizarre chopping I was surely in for and reading Sgt. Rock, I believe, and/or Superman.

I met Batman at Harry's Shop in River Forest, Illinois, a wealthy suburb my dad found our way into after a promotion in the advertising business in the late '50s, and I liked him just fine, but I did not think of him again until Tim Burton brought him back to mainstream consciousness. Sgt. Rock, though — this was wonderful stuff. "Look out, kid! Potato masher!" or Nazis eating lead and expectorating, "Gott in Himmel!"

It was not until I had been in San Diego for a few years — 1988, I think that it became clear to me that this town was goofy about comics, and that despite laboring in the cotton fields of sciencefiction pulp magazines, comics were a closer neighbor to science fiction than I cared to admit to myself. Two people I got to know at Comic-Con dictated, in a way, the next several years: Jose Sinatra and the Troy Dante Inferno were performing that year. And though I had met Troy (Jan Tonneson) through Wahrenbrock's Books and had begun playing blues duets

with him shortly after that convention, I certainly had not met Jose (Bill Richardson) Sinatra. I would have remembered. I joined the Inferno as a bass player and performed with them around town for several years afterward.

My son, who dyed his hair blue yesterday, has been a video- and role-playing-game fanatic since he was six years old, seated on my lap at my first computer, an Apple II monstrosity. He played a primitive game that came with the Apple called Starblaster. It was, basically, Son of Pong. Occasionally we would stop in at Comic Kingdom on University Avenue in the course of one our bicycle excursions. Some years earlier I had picked up copies of an anthology to which I had sold my first two short stories — Weird Tales, edited by Lin Carter. Comic Kingdom, naturally, stocked the paperback series. Comic Kingdom was probably the first place my son ever glimpsed his future step-father, Dave, a longtime bookseller.

The point? The world of comics has been, unknowingly for the most part to me, a kind of undercurrent in my life as ineluctable as the pull of the moon. Still, had you asked me if I was into comics, my answer would have been, "No, no, of course not." They seemed, however, to have been into me.

In fact, and maybe this is putting too fine a point on it, I could draw a kind of literary family tree from roots in pulp fiction and comics to my early reading, the first nine years of my paid writing career, and even certain chapters of the mainstream (if commercial) novel that I am writing now. Weird Tales certainly is a famous old pulp mag, and its then-editor, Carter, was writing the Conan novels with L. Sprague De Camp from scraps left behind by Conan's creator, Robert E, Howard. Carter and De Camp had just cashed checks for the sale of one of their collaborations to the studio putting out the first Conan movie with Arnold Schwarzenegger. Conan, of course, had been appearing in comic books for years. What I am driving at is that I am, in fact, very much related to Conan the Barbarian and, by extension, the governor of California. Some days, you can barely tell us apart.

I have now been staring at a blinking cursor for a good three minutes or so, convinced that I can cobble together a neat segue from those early haircuts at Harry's to my son dyeing his hair blue. (Stand by, it may come.) In the meantime I'm remembering how it was, after a long wait in the barbershop and having exhausted Sgt. Rock, Superman, Batman, having been grudgingly forced toward the bottom of the stack where Archie waited just on top of the Donald Duck stuff. At the very bottom were Scrooge McDuck and his adventures with Donald's nephews. The bottom of the proverbial barrel.

Still, I remain ignorant of much that has been done, including the field of



graphic novels. The works of Philip K. Dick (whom I read much of with fascination in old Ace Doubles and the like) and that movie *Perdition*, with Tom Hanks, a very good story and based on a graphic novel. It seems I would have naturally gravitated to these forms, and yet I never did, for some reason.

One last observation on the coincidental nature of my relationship with comic books. Recently a friend of mine called me and said that he had come across an old greeting card he had picked up some years ago at Comic-Con. It was the cover illustration for a science-fiction novel of mine, painted by Michael Whelan, who was appearing at the Con. It was part of a series of greeting cards Whelan had introduced via his company (Glass Onion Graphics) and this one, a stunning painting, was signed on its back by Whelan with silver ink. I thanked my friend and bought it from him. I thought I might increase its theoretical collector's value one day by filling the blank interior of the card with the author's recollection of seeing, for the first time, the acrylic illustration from the book publisher. And so I did, describing, quite truthfully, how I wept when I saw my characters and my world so skillfully rendered by another.

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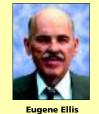
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